

9 civilians killed in Iranian attack

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said Friday that six Iranian warplanes raided two of its border towns early Friday, killing nine civilians and wounding 20 others. A high command war communiqué said the Iranian jets hit the town of Rawanduz, 40 kilometres from the Iranian border with north Iraq and Ali Al Gharbi, 35 kilometres from the border in the south. Eight civilians were killed in the raid on Rawanduz, where another 17 were wounded and one in Ali Al Gharbi where three people were hurt. The communiqué said 19 houses, 20 shops and a car were destroyed in the two attacks. Iraqi fighter jets meanwhile hit Iranian positions east of Basra port Friday, inflicting heavy losses in men and equipment, the communiqué said.

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Shadowy group threatens Kuwait

LONDON (R) — A shadowy group threatened Friday to retaliate in kind if Kuwait executed six people for their part in a wave of bomb blasts in Kuwait on Dec. 12. In a telephone call to a news agency, a man claiming to speak for the "Sadr Commander Organisation," an offshoot of the pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim Amal group, said: "The Kuwaiti authorities shall pay for any one of our Iraqi and Lebanese brothers executed in Kuwait — one man for one man." The caller gave no name. A Kuwaiti court last Tuesday sentenced five Iraqis and a Lebanese to death by public hanging, pending the expected approval of the country's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. Sheikh Jaber has said that Kuwait would not allow itself to be intimidated by threats and hinted that he would endorse whatever sentence the court handed down to the accused in the wave of bombings.

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Five Israelis wounded in Lebanon

TEL AVIV (R) — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded in a land-mine explosion Thursday near the village of Reihan in South Lebanon, an Israeli army spokesman said. Army sappers scoured the area and discovered five other explosive charges, which they neutralised, the spokesman added. The spokesman also said an Israeli soldier was injured Thursday by light arms fire directed from Syrian-held territory in eastern Lebanon.

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Fateh Central Committee meets

TUNIS (R) — The Central Committee of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fateh commando group Thursday began meeting here to discuss Arab and international developments, the Palestinian news agency Wafa said. The meeting by Fateh, backbone of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), was regarded as likely to cover preparations for the next session of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, the Palestine National Council.

2nd victim dies in Athens attack

ATHENS (R) — A Greek employee of the British Council in Athens who was wounded in a gunman assassination her British chief died in hospital Thursday, hospital sources said. The gunman shot diplomat Kenneth Whitty, 44, in his car in central Athens Wednesday. His passenger, British Council librarian Artemis Economidou, died of a bullet wound in her neck despite an emergency operation Thursday. Police sources said they had questioned about 50 people, mainly Arabs, in connection with the shooting but there were no firm leads.

British warships head for Gulf

LONDON (R) — Four British mine-hunter warships have left Britain for the Mediterranean to be available for protective duties in the Gulf if necessary, the Defence Ministry said Thursday night. The ships Brixton, Cavinton, Kirkiston and Wilton are due to take part in a NATO exercise called "Damsel Fair" in the Mediterranean in May. The ministry said it had no reason to suppose an attempt to close the Straits of Hormuz was likely.

PFLP 'responsible' for Gaza attack

DAMASCUS (R) — A headline Palestinian group claimed responsibility Thursday for a hand grenade attack against an Israeli army patrol in the Gaza Strip. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), led by George Habash, said in a statement here that one of its units made the attack on a patrol at Jabalya camp, killing or wounding six Israeli soldiers and destroying their vehicle. An Israeli military spokesman in Tel Aviv said three Israeli soldiers and seven others were wounded when a hand grenade was thrown at the patrol.

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Hussein hails British monarch's tour of Jordan Elizabeth, Philip leave after 5-day state visit

By Afifah A. Kaloti
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AMMAN — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Friday left for home after a five-day state visit which His Majesty King Hussein described as a success.

Queen Elizabeth, accompanied by her husband Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in Amman Monday marking the first-ever visit by a British monarch to Jordan.

During the visit, the British royal couple were engaged in a tight programme during which they visited cultural and historical places.

Queen Elizabeth spent the last two days of her visit in the southern part of Jordan which included the Jordan Valley, the Dead Sea, the Nabataean city of Petra and Aqaba. The royal couple arrived in Aqaba Wednesday night after a day trip to a farm in the Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea.

The next day, Thursday, Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor accompanied the royal guests to Petra. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Minister of Information Laila Sharaf, Britain's Ambassador to Jordan Alan Urwick, Mrs. Zaid and Mrs. Urwick also accompanied the guests to Petra.

The royal motorcade was welcomed on its arrival at Petra by Minister of Culture and Youth Abdullah 'Oweidat, Ma'an governor, director of the archaeological department, Wadi Musa mayor and senior officials.

The British guests and the Jordanian leaders drove to the archaeological sites in Petra in open-

top cars. The sites they visited included Hakan Castle, Pillars Street, Petra Treasury and Bint Castle.

visitors were briefed on the cultural and historical importance of Petra by Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi, director of the Archaeological Department.

The royal motorcade was welcomed by the region's citizens, students and scouts.

The queen also received a gift from one Petra resident who said it was in appreciation of her visit to the city.

In Aqaba, the royal guests accompanied by King Hussein and Queen Noor, sailed on the Red Sea on the King's yacht.

Seen off at the Aqaba airport by King Hussein and Queen Noor, the British royal couple were accorded a 21-gun salute before which both British and Jordanian anthems were played.

King Hussein and Queen Elizabeth also inspected a guard of honour which included Jordanian naval, ground and air force units.

Also seeing off the guests were His Highness Prince Mohammad and Prince Taghrid, Their Highness Princess Basma, Princess Alia, Prince Abdullah and Prince Faisal, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid and their wives, Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Suleiman, Arar

and cabinet members in addition to dean of the diplomatic corps and European Community and Commonwealth ambassadors in Jordan. Jordan's Ambassador in London Hani Tabbara, British Ambassador in Amman Alan Urwick and a number of senior officials.

Prior to her departure, Queen Elizabeth honoured members of the British embassy for the part they played in organising state visit. Ambassador Urwick was knighted, while Mr. Peter Rafferty and Mr. David Spedding were made Commanders of the Royal Victorian Order, and Miss Helen Williams and Mr. Andrew Gubon were made members of the Royal Victorian Order.

King Hussein hailed the queen's visit as a success and said that European countries, including Britain, can contribute more positively towards finding a just solution to the Middle East problem.

King Hussein, who was speaking during a meeting with journalists who took part in the press coverage of the visit of Queen Elizabeth, said:

"We in Jordan believe that the problems facing the Middle East area, do not face us alone, but the whole world as well, since they affect world peace and stability."

King Hussein added: "When our friends understand the position, they will help us in finding a just solution satisfying all parties concerned."

Commenting on Queen Elizabeth's visit, King Hussein said: "We are looking forward to this visit a long time ago and we in Jordan are proud of the deep historical relation between the British and the Jordanian peoples." He added: "Queen Elizabeth has a special status in our hearts and we respect, appreciate and admire

Her Majesty."

The visit, King Hussein said, "gave us the opportunity to brief Her Majesty, Prince Philip and the accompanying delegation on the historical sites in Jordan and on the achievements of the Jordanian people."

Means of bolstering Anglo-Jordanian relations were discussed during a meeting between Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and British Minister of State for Middle East Affairs Richard Luce, the King said.

King Hussein also replied questions which centred on the Iran-Iraq war, the American policy in the Middle East, Jordanian-Palestinian talks, Jordanian-British relations and sources for acquiring weapons needed for the Kingdom's defence.

As the plane carrying the British guests left Jordanian air space King Hussein received a cable from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip expressing their appreciation and gratitude for the King's warm hospitality during their visit.

"As we leave Jordan after a most enjoyable first visit, I send to Your Majesty and Queen Noor the warmest thanks of Prince Philip and myself for all your kindness and hospitality during the past few days. We have been very touched by the care and trouble taken to make us feel welcome throughout Jordan. Everything we have seen has been most impressive and we take away the happiest memories of your people and your country."

"I hope that our visit will have served to strengthen the long standing friendship between Jordan and Britain and I send my sincere good wishes to Your Majesties and to the government and people of Jordan for a happy and prosperous future."

French troops quit last Beirut positions

BEIRUT (Agencies) — French troops withdrew from their last positions in Beirut Friday and began boarding ship to sail home amid continued signs of an easing of tension in the Lebanese capital.

The city was generally quiet for the second day as the last 550 troops of the 1,250-man French force left their fortified posts along the "green line" between east and west Beirut in a swift and smooth early morning operation.

Six shells exploded near the port area in the early afternoon, briefly breaking an unusual two-day lull in the fighting, but about half the force boarded the 5,800-ton landing ship Ouragan on schedule and without incident.

The remainder will embark Friday after a farewell ceremony at the docks.

The French troops sped to the port in trucks and armoured vehicles after handing over their positions to 300 Lebanesegendarmes accompanied by 40 white-helmeted French observers.

The handover of French positions to the Lebanesegendarmes, accompanied by 40 French observers, was agreed by all Lebanon's warring groups to prevent militias battling for the positions.

In a second reported breach of the ceasefire, an army vehicle distributing food to troops facing Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) militiamen above Beirut was hit by an anti-tank shell and a number of men were killed and wounded, according to Reuters.

Gunfire and heavy weapons could be heard from the mountains.

Fighting was subsided noticeably in Beirut since a so-called higher security committee of political and military leaders from each faction began meeting under the chairmanship of President Amin Gemayel on Wednesday.

Senior officials of the mainly Druze PSP and Shiite militias are attending the meetings, going for the first time since 1982 to the presidential palace in mainly Christian east Beirut.

The committee was due to meet

for the third successive day later to discuss a disengagement of rival forces and reopening Beirut airport and port.

The continued isolation of southern Lebanon from the rest of the country was causing concern in the capital and a foreign ministry official said the government was alerting Arab countries, the U.S. and the United Nations against a possible Israeli attempt to annex the south.

Israeli troops cut all road links north on Wednesday. Telex and telephone links with the south have been down for two days.

Lebanese militiamen evacuated Kharratouh region, page 2

Iraq vows to maintain Kharg blockade

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — The commander of Iraq's navy declared Friday his government was determined to continue its blockade of Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal and reiterated a warning to foreign ships to stay clear of the region, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

INA quoted the commander, as saying Iraq "has all the necessary means to carry out its warnings."

The Iraqi naval chief's warning came a day after Iraq reported that four large enemy vessels were hit in the northernmost reaches of the Gulf by a combined Iraqi air and naval strike.

"The enemy tried to exploit the poor visibility around Kharg Island and tried to break the blockade imposed by the Iraqi navy and air force," the Iraqi naval commander was quoted as saying by INA.

"But our naval observation posts spotted the enemy moves and the enemy targets were attacked and destroyed," he added.

"The Iraqi navy is determined to carry out its tight blockade of the Iranian oil terminal of Kharg Island," the commander was further quoted as saying.

Among the vessels hit in Thursday's Iraqi operation was the

Greek cargo boat Iapetos, according to a Greek Merchant Marine Ministry announcement in Athens (See page 2).

Meanwhile, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein conferred in Baghdad with Algerian Presidential envoy Mohammad Sharif Mousaidia, INA reported.

The Algerian envoy arrived in Baghdad Thursday after a tour of the Gulf states amidst reports Algeria has undertaken a fresh initiative to mediate an end of the 43-month-old war.

INA said the two men discussed the Iran-Iraq conflict and the Arab and international situation.

70 killed in U.S. tornadoes

FAYETTEVILLE, North Carolina (R) — Four southern states were Friday digging through rubble left by 34 tornadoes which ripped through shopping centres and homes, killing nearly 70 people and injuring hundreds.

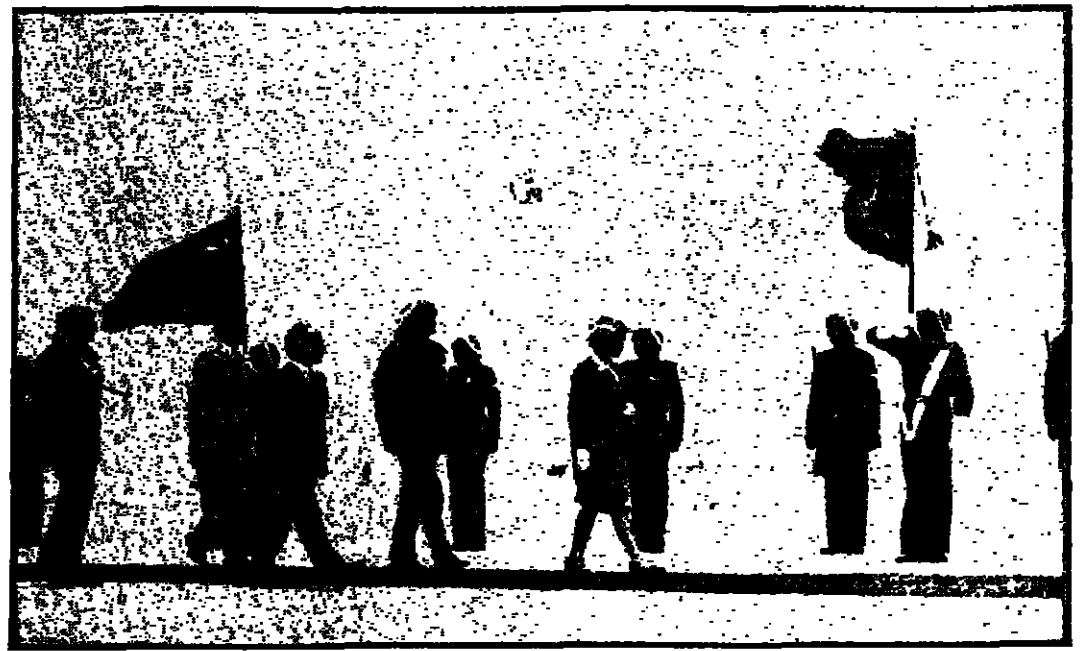
Early reports said at least 70 people were killed, but officials later put the death toll at 67.

The twisters, spawned by a spring storm in Texas, cut across northern South Carolina on Wednesday before tearing through the North Carolina sandhills and coastal plains.

"This is the worst natural disaster we've had in 100 years in North Carolina. It's just a horrible, horrible situation," said Governor Jim Hunt.

Before moving out to sea Thursday night, the storms left 51 dead and more than 400 injured in North Carolina, authorities said. In South Carolina, 10 tornadoes killed 16 people and injured about 250.

Waves of up to 20 feet pounded the Atlantic coast, forcing the evacuation of thousands of people in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, accompanied by His Majesty King Hussein, Friday inspect a guard of honour prior to her departure after a five-day state visit to Jordan (Petra photo)

Jordan, marking Land Day, praises steadfastness of people under occupation

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AMMAN — People in Jordan Friday hailed the steadfastness of the Palestinian people in the Israeli-occupied territories on the eighth anniversary of "Land Day" as Israeli soldiers shot and wounded three Palestinians in the West Bank in attempts to suppress Arab protests marking the occasion.

Different activities were held in various regions of the Kingdom to mark the occasion. The highlight of these activities was a big rally held at the Palace of Culture in which a number of distinguished Palestinian and Jordanian personalities expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people in the Israeli-occupied territories and hailed Palestinian resistance against "Israeli colonial schemes to expropriate the Arab land and expunge the Palestinian identity."

Land Day commemorates a general strike declared by Arabs in all the towns and villages in Israel and in the West Bank and Gaza Strip eight years ago to protest against Israeli expropriation of Arab land. The strike took place in spite of Israeli attempts to scare the Arabs into rescinding their general strike. As a result of confrontation between the Israeli soldiers and the Arab demonstrators on that day six Palestinians were killed and hundreds were arrested.

Reports from Israel and occupied Arab territories said Friday that widespread protests were staged by Palestinians to mark Land Day.

Demonstrators were reported to have chanted anti-Israeli slogans and carried the Palestinian flag and posters of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Speakers at the Amman rally, which was organised by the Committee of Land Day in Jordan, strongly supported the "just struggle of the Palestinian people to defend their land and identity."

Speakers at the rally included member of the Lower House of Parliament Dr. Fawzi Shaker Daud and three Palestinian personalities exiled by the Israeli occupation authorities, including Mrs. Issam Abdul Hadi, president of the General Union of Palestinian Women (GUPW), Hebron Mayor Fahd Qawasmeh and Abdul Hamid Al Saeh, member of the Palestine National Council.

The speakers strongly condemned the U.S. support for Israel, and the American-Israeli strategic alignment agreement announced last year. They expressed full support for His Majesty King Hussein's stance towards the U.S. policy in the Middle East and reiterated that the U.S. has lost its credibility as a mediator in the region.

The speakers also called for strengthening relations with "friendly

countries" and some referred to socialist countries.

Mrs. Abdul Hadi denounced all American-sponsored peace plans for the Middle East, including the Camp David accords and President Ronald Reagan's peace initiative of September 1982. "The U.S. policy in the Middle East is not a fate or destiny imposed upon us and consequently we can and we shall resist it," she said.

Dr. Daud, who was elected three weeks ago as a representative of the East Bank governorate of Balqa in the Lower House, went even further and called on Arab countries to boycott the U.S.

All speakers urged Arab countries to render more financial and moral support for the people in the Israeli-occupied Arab territories in their struggle to "defend the Arab land and preserve the Palestinian identity." They stressed that Land Day "reflects the unity between the Palestinians in Israel and the Israeli occupied territories of 1967."

"The uprise of Land Day has provoked the Palestinians in Israel and that they have managed to preserve their identity," Mrs. Abdul Hadi said.

Mr. Saeh called for a prompt end for the Iran-Iraq war so that "all capabilities would be diverted towards the liberation of Palestine."

Arabs to warn U.S. against embassy move

TUNIS (R) — Arab ministers meeting in Tunis decided Friday to warn the United States of unspecified retaliation if it moved its embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, conference sources said.

The sources said the text of a resolution worked out Friday morning but still to be voted on by the Arab League Council session here threatened that the Arab states would take "adequate measures" if the diplomatic mission were moved.

Arab hardliners, identified by some delegates as Syria and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), had pressed for a clear commitment to break diplomatic relations with Washington, but the majority had favoured the vaguer wording, they said.

The sources said the draft resolution amounted to a reaffirmation of previous Arab positions, but was necessary in view of moves in the United States to move the embassy.

Such a proposal is currently before the U.S. Congress and has

the support of Democratic presidential candidates Walter Mondale and Gary Hart, but the Reagan administration has repeatedly opposed it.

Discussions on the first day of a three-day meeting, which re-elected Secretary-General Chadi Klibi unopposed to a new five-year term, concentrated on the situation in Israeli-occupied territories and the Iran-Iraq war.

Delegates discussed Israeli plans to extend its own law to the occupied territories, as well as an Israeli plan to dig a canal from the Mediterranean to the Dead Sea. The Arab League meanwhile confirmed that a commission set up to discuss reforms of the 22-member body had failed to reach agreement and had adjourned until May 15.

The commission is one of four trying to iron out inter-Arab differences which twice postponed last year's scheduled Arab summit. The adjournment indicated that no progress on the summit could be expected before May, delegates said.

Syria expels UNRWA chief

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — The director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA) said Friday he had been ordered out of Syria within 48 hours.

The director, Robert M. Gallagher, told Reuters he had received the expulsion order Thursday but he gave no reason for it.

Mr. Gallagher was expected to fly to Vienna Saturday.

A statement issued by the agency, responsible for the affairs of Palestinian refugees in the Middle East, said UNRWA's commissioner-general, Olof Rydbeck, immediately called U.N. Secretary General Javier Peres de Cuellar on the subject. The statement said Mr. Gallagher was given no reason for the decision, and there was no immediate official comment available from Syria.

Mr. Gallagher, a former Canadian army lieutenant-colonel, has worked for UNRWA for four years and directed its Syrian operations since September 1981.

Israelis wound 4 Palestinian protesters

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers shot and wounded four Palestinians in the West Bank during widespread demonstrations and protests marking the eighth anniversary of "Land Day."

Palestinians in the occupied territories joined Israel's Arab citizens, who number 700,000, in commemorating the deaths of six Israeli Arabs who were shot by soldiers in 1976 during protests against government land expropriations.

Soldiers imposed curfews on two Palestinian refugee camps near Nablus after Israeli army patrols were stoned and protesters waved Palestinian flags and photographs of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

The Palestine Press Service identified one of the wounded youths as Yasser Nazzal, 17, of the village of Qabatiyah near Jenin. It said two of the other wounded youths, ages 17 and 18, were from Jenin. The agency reported a fourth Palestinian wounded in his shoulder and leg, and identified the man as Ahmad Salameh, 35, of the 'Ain Al Ma'a camp.

In Taibe, barely two kilometres from the West Bank, more than 2,000 men, women and children marched through the narrow streets singing the Palestinian anthem "Biladi, Biladi" ("my country, my country"). Some carried banners in Arabic reading "The People of Palestine."

Falangist militias pull out of Kharroub

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Several hundred Falangist fighters along with their tanks, jeeps, and armour have returned to Beirut after evacuating a 16-kilometre stretch of the coastal road in South Lebanon, military sources said Friday.

One source who spoke on condition he not be identified said "the bulk of the operation" was complete and that refugees were moving cautiously back into the area.

The region known as the Kharroub was engulfed by sectarian fighting that began last September following Israel's withdrawal from the Shouf Mountains. An estimated 20,000 refugees, most of them Christians, fled behind Israel's front line on the Awali River.

"The people are still frightened but they are trickling back," said the Israeli military source. "They are still uncertain whether there will be sniping or fighting."

The Falangists withdrew from their last positions in South Lebanon in exchange for a return of the Christian refugees to the Kharroub area.

On Thursday, a liaison officer for the Falange dominated Lebanese Forces militia told reporters on the Awali River bridge that the militia and their equipment were being taken north as part of the agreement with the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP).

An estimated 500 Falangists

had been holding the coastal strip between Damour, 28 kilometres south of Beirut and the southern provincial capital of Sidon since last February, when the Lebanese army disintegrated. The Falangists took control of some of the armour left behind by the army.

Israeli military sources estimated that 300 to 400 of the fighters had been evacuated after moving south to the Awali River. "They have returned to Jounieh," the Falangist controlled port city north of Beirut, the military source said.

Israeli officials hope the agreement will pave the way for the demilitarisation of the area north of its front line at the Awali. They have said a return of stability could hasten an Israeli pullback.

South Lebanon cut off

On Thursday South Lebanon was completely isolated from the rest of the country after Israeli forces closed the only road between the PSP held Shouf Mountains and the Israeli-occupied southern town of Jezzine.

The closure followed clashes between Shi'ite villagers and Is-

raeli troops in the south Wednesday and coincided with a withdrawal of Falangist militiamen from the Kharroub region.

A Shi'ite Muslim religious leader, Sheikh Mohammad Mehdi Shamseddine, called on the people of South Lebanon to begin a campaign of civil disobedience to force Israeli troops out of the area.

Israeli military sources in Tel Aviv said the road from Jezzine to the Druze village of Bateer, was closed as part of curfew measures imposed after four Israeli soldiers were wounded in a land mine explosion Thursday near the village of Reihan, 18 kilometres from Jezzine. Several other mines were also found.

But the usually reliable Beirut newspaper *Al-Nahar* quoted Israeli forces in South Lebanon as saying Wednesday that they had cut the road until Sunday. They gave no reason, it said.

Telephone links with the south were also worse than usual on Thursday and Israeli officials at their headquarters in the southern village of Kfar Falous could not be contacted.

The Bateer-Jezzine Road has been the only link between Beirut and the south since mid-February, when the main coast road was cut by heavy fighting around the town of Damour.

Thousands of trucks and private cars make the circuitous four-hour trip from Beirut to Jezzine daily.

Greek ship hit by Iraqi jets

ATHENS (R) — A Greek ship was set ablaze at the head of the Gulf Thursday after a land-based missile struck its engine room and it was bombed from the air, its owners said.

A spokesman for the Stravelakis Company said the vessel was the 16,230-ton *Apetos*, a bulk carrier which had already been damaged in the same area when Iraqi planes strafed it in December. The 16-member crew abandoned ship safely and were picked up by a tug, he added.

Iraq said earlier Thursday that its navy and air force destroyed four large enemy naval targets in the Khor Musa Channel leading to the Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini.

"I don't know whether it will sink or not. It was not loaded," the spokesman added. Another Stravelakis ship, the 13,602-ton *Antigon*, was sunk by what the company says was a French-made Exocet missile in the upper Gulf in November.

The *Apetos* was the second Greek ship to be hit in the Gulf this week. The 41,330-ton tanker *Filikon* L was struck southwest of Kharg Island on Tuesday but not seriously damaged.

2 helicopters shot down

The Iraqi military spokesman said Iraqi jets also shot down two Iranian helicopters, which were seen falling into the sea.

The spokesman said the naval targets were intercepted in the Khor Musa Channel leading to the southern Iranian port of Bandar Khomeini at the head of the Gulf. The two American-built helicopters, a CH-53 and a Cobra, were shot down by Iraqi jets as they intervened to protect the convoy, he said.

The spokesman said the four ships were part of a convoy heading for Bandar Khomeini Thursday morning.

Egyptian Armed Forces in high state of readiness

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak said Thursday Egyptian Armed Forces were in a high state of readiness following Libyan threats to assist revolution in Egypt and Sudan because of their links with the United States.

Asked about reports that military alertness and internal security had been stepped up, Mr. Mubarak told reporters: "I am not denying anything. We have raised the state of readiness."

But he said Egypt was "not nervous" and had no intention of attacking its neighbours "under any circumstances."

Libyan Leader Muammar Qadhafi said Wednesday he was ready to "upset the balance" in north-east Africa unless the U.S. withdrew from Egypt and Sudan, which he criticised for enlisting the aid of American AWACS reconnaissance planes.

Col. Qadhafi also said Libyans and Egyptians could cross their common border, closed since 1974 except for brief periods, with immediate effect. This came amid reports Libya might send marines across the frontier to promote the idea of a Libyan-Egyptian merger.

Asked if there were any signs Libyans were crossing the frontier, Mr. Mubarak said: "We do not consider what Libya has said as a very important matter. We are not nervous."

"We look at the people of Libya as neighbours. We do not think there is a further escalation of the situation. We are used to these words," he added.

Egypt's semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* said Thursday any attempt to send mariners across the border would be considered a direct aggression.

It said Col. Qadhafi had sent a message to Cairo two days ago demanding an immediate merger of the two nations and the digging of a canal to extend the waters of the Nile to Libya.

Libya sent marines across the border in the 1970s but the late President Anwar Sadat had the demonstrators rounded up just inside the frontier and trucked home.

Col. Qadhafi's statements have increased tension in the region, already high following the March 16 air raid on the Sudanese city of

Omdurman. Egypt, Sudan and the U.S. accused Libya of making the attack, a charge denied by Tripoli.

Following the raid, Egypt cancelled army leave and sent specialist troops to help set up a new Sudanese air defence system while the United States sent two AWACS planes to Egypt to patrol Egyptian and Sudanese air space.

Libya warned

Egypt's semi-official newspaper *Al-Ahram* warned Libya Thursday that any attempt to send mariners across the two countries' common border would be considered a direct aggression.

"Egypt will repel such aggression," Editor Ibrahim Nafieh wrote in a front-page article commenting on reports that Libya might send mariners across the frontier to promote the idea of a merger between the two countries.

"A decision by one country to cross into the territory of another by force is plain aggression by all international standards," the paper said.

Al-Ahram said Col. Qadhafi

had sent a message to Cairo two days ago demanding an immediate merger of the two countries and the digging of a canal to extend the waters of the river Nile in Libya.

"We are patiently giving Egypt's views on Col. Qadhafi's demands," it said.

The paper said that if Col. Qadhafi really wanted to win the favours of the Egyptian people, it would be more effective to restore diplomatic relations with Cairo.

Libya and most other Arab states severed relations with Egypt over its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Al-Ahram said Col. Qadhafi's actions could not be predicted. It said Libya staged its air raid on Sudan's Omdurman Radio on March 16 only one hour after Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had discussed with a Libyan envoy how to rebuild bridges between the two countries.

The Egypt-Libya border has remained closed since 1974, except for brief periods, but Col. Qadhafi has urged its reopening and spoken of a union of the 46 million Egyptians and three million Libyans.

British plane leaves Cyprus after bomb scare

LARNACA, Cyprus (R) — A British airliner carrying 228 people which landed here Thursday night after a bomb scare was cleared by security authorities Friday and took off later for London, an airport official said.

The Monarch Air Lines Boeing 737 was searched Friday morning after a message saying a bomb was on board was found scrawled on a toilet mirror as the plane ap-

proached Larnaca for a re-fuelling stop Thursday night.

It was en route from the Israeli coastal resort of Eilat to London's Gatwick Airport at the time.

The plane's captain declared an emergency and airport security services were put on full alert. The plane was given a preliminary examination after landing by a bomb expert who found nothing.

Passengers were taken to nearby hotels.

The authorities decided to let the plane stand in a remote area of the airfield overnight in case there was a timing device geared to flight time on board, officials said.

Luggage was unloaded and thoroughly searched Friday morning but nothing suspicious was found. Officials said they had no idea who was responsible for the hoax.

Peres emerges as undisputed party leader

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Israeli opposition leader Shimon Peres emerged Friday as undisputed leader of the Labour Party after former President Yitzhak Navon said he would not seek to lead it into the July 29 general election.

In the Likud Party, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will be forced to defend his position after ex-Defence Minister Ariel Sharon confirmed that he was running for the leadership.

The general election was called when parliament last week approved an opposition-sponsored bill to disperse and hold an early poll. Mr. Shamir's term of office has been due to continue until November 1985.

Mr. Navon told a press conference Friday that a leadership battle would destroy the unity of the Labour Party and harm the group's chances of toppling the right-wing government.

"Central figures begged me not to force another struggle on the party that could bring it to the elections in a state of exhaustion and internal feuding," he said.

Mr. Navon, portrayed by opinion polls as Israel's most popular leader, said he had been assured that ex-Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had fought Mr. Peres for the Labour leadership three times in the past decade, would not challenge him this time.

Mr. Peres said he would offer Mr. Navon a central role in the election campaign and an important cabinet post if Labour won.

Mr. Rabin later told reporters that after Mr. Navon's decision he too had decided not to compete for the Labour leadership.

In the Likud, party sources said Mr. Sharon had virtually no chance by himself of ousting Mr. Shamir but his decision may encourage Deputy Prime Minister David Levy to join the race.

Mr. Levy was to announce his decision next week and the sources said he would be under heavy pressure to follow Mr. Navon's example.

Mr. Peres led Labour to electoral defeats in 1977 and 1981. His personal standing in opinion polls is relatively low, especially among Israel's majority Sephardi (Middle Eastern) community, of which Mr. Navon is a prominent member.

Mr. Shamir is also considered a somewhat lacklustre leader who had failed to emerge from the shadow cast by his predecessor, Menachem Begin.

Mr. Navon said he was willing to re-enter parliament but declined to say whether he would accept a cabinet post.

"I will work as a rank and file member to change the party in office, something Israel needs desperately," he said.

Freij: U.S. is main broker in Mideast

WASHINGTON (R) — The mayor of Bethlehem, a leading West Bank Arab moderate, has described the U.S. as the main broker in the Middle East and called on Arabs to recognise Israel to advance the cause of peace.

Mayor Elias Freij told reporters that the Arab World's continued refusal to make peace with Israel played into Israeli hands. Egypt alone among Arab states has signed a pact with Israel.

"... There will never be peace unless there is mutual and reciprocal recognition by Israel and the Arab people," he said Thursday.

Without recognition Israel would never leave occupied Arab lands, he said, adding that there was no military solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Mr. Freij said the Arabs should either devise a political formula or allow the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Jordan to agree on a political programme

for negotiations with Israel.

He said he thought eventual Israeli annexation of occupied areas would only become irreversible when the number of Jewish settlers reached 100,000. This figure was likely in two or three years if there were no peace talks.

Asked if he agreed with Jordan that U.S. support of Israel disqualified it from a mediating role in the region, he said "whether we like it or not, the United States is the main broker for any peace talks in the Middle East."

But he added that the U.S. had swung towards Israel and urged Washington to be even-handed and objective.

Asked whether he favoured the current government of Yitzhak Shamir or its opponents, he said:

"I hope that after the tragic events in Lebanon and the failure to achieve positive results there, that a new government in Israel will be elected which will aim to have peace with the Palestinian people."

Mr. Freij said this meant a West Bank and Gaza solution "short of annexation, which this (Shamir) government is aiming for."

He said he was acquainted with Labour Party leader Shimon Peres and Ezer Weizman, a former defence minister in the Likud Party government who is running his own slate of candidates, and wished both of them well in the July election.

Mr. Freij charged that supporters in the U.S. Congress who wanted to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem were trying to use the city, whose sovereignty is in dispute between Israel and the Arabs, as a commodity in their election campaign.

Dismissing pledges to move the embassy by Democratic presidential contenders Walter Mondale and Gary Hart as "campaign rhetoric," he said they would have to face reality if they were elected.

Turkey criticises U.S. aid linkage to Cyprus

ANKARA (AP) — Turkey on Friday criticised a U.S. Senate committee's decision linking military aid for Turkey to developments in Cyprus.

"If the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee's decision is based on any kind of logic, it is indeed difficult to discover what it is," Foreign Minister Vahit Haliloglu said in a strongly worded statement. "No better method could have been found to push the Cyprus problem into a deadlock."

The Senate panel voted 11-7 to authorise \$215 million (U.S.) military aid for Turkey on condition that Turkish Cypriots hand over the Famagusta-Varosha area in eastern Cyprus to the Greek Cypriots.

"It is hard to explain how it could be conceived that the Turkish side would bow to blackmail in order to secure 200 million dollars," Mr. Haliloglu said. "We consider it unfortunate that those with such simplistic approaches aspire to solve the Cyprus problem."

He said the Senate forces the Turkish side to reassess the situation over Cyprus in order not to appear as compromising under pressure and give false hopes to the Greek Cypriots and encourage them to be intransigent.

He said it also might adversely affect U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar's effort to get the Greek and Turkish sides back to the conference table.

Mr. Haliloglu said U.S. aid to Turkey serves a specific mutual goal. "To use it as an instrument of pressure in affairs unrelated to this goal is wrong and dangerous," he said.

Mr. Haliloglu said the U.S. Congress should know this from experience, alluding to the 1975-78 arms embargo imposed on Turkey — an action that failed to

change Turkey's Cyprus policy. "The Cyprus problem will be solved by the two communities on the island, within its own realities and necessities," Mr. Haliloglu said. He said methods of "pressure, blackmail, and bribery" would serve no purpose.

Cyprus has been divided into northern Turkish and southern Greek zones since Turkey's invasion in 1974, following an Athens-inspired coup.

Only Turkey recognised the breakaway state when Turkish Cypriots declared independence in November in their northern third of the island. The U.N. Security Council condemned the mini-state as "legally invalid."

Denktash blasts Senate

In Nicosia Turkish Cypriot Leader Rauf Denktash Thursday said a U.S. Senate decision to withhold military aid to Turkey until the Turkish Cypriots hand over a disputed town to the Greek Cypriots undermined United Nations peace efforts.

"The committee's decision has undermined the United Nations secretary-general's intended initiatives. Neither Turkey nor the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus will give in to such pressures, threats and blackmail," Mr. Denktash said in a statement.

Mr. Denktash had talks with the U.N. secretary-general earlier this month on latest U.N. moves to get a settlement on the divided island which included a proposal that Varosha be placed in U.N. hands.

"Our decision (on Mr. Perez de Cuellar's proposals) will be adversely affected by this new development... I personally favour suspending all contact until such pressures and pro-Greek Cypriot attitudes are terminated," Mr. Denktash said.

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22:10 Arabic Play
23:00 News in Arabic
23:10 Play Continued

FOREIGN CHANNEL
18:00 French Programme
19:00 News in French
19:30 News in Hebrew
20:30 Comedy: Roman Service
20:55 Portrait of Power: Khrushchev
21:20 Programme Review
22:00 News in English
22:15 Feature Film: The Return of the Maxwell Smart

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855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM
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07:00 Light Music
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14:00 News Bulletin
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15:00 Concert Hour
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VOICE OF AMERICA

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WHAT'S GOING ON

TODAY'S EVENTS

Exhibitions by Ayad Al Nisr at the Alla Art Gallery.

Jordanian paintings and stamps at the British Council.

The International Manuscripts exhibition by the Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives in co-operation with Austrian Embassy starts at the Royal Cultural Centre.

Exhibition of projects in Jordan by the British Institute for Archaeology and History at the Amra Hotel.

FILM

"Festival du film Policier" at 7:30 at the French Cultural Centre.

CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267
American Centre 44371
British Council 36147-8
French Cultural Centre 37009
Goethe Institute 41993
Soviet Cultural Centre 44203
Spanish Cultural Centre 24049
Turkish Cultural Centre 39777
Haya Arts Centre 665195
Husseini Youth City 667181
Y.W.C.A. 664251
Amman Municipal Library 36111
University of Jordan Library 843555

MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewellery and costumes from 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: "An assemblage of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Mustazah, Jabal

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SERVICE CLUBS

Least Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.
Least Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7.30 p.m.
Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1.30 p.m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2.00 p.m.
Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman, Eighth Circle. Tel. 615261.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, tel. 24590.
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lubdibeh, 37440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lubdibeh, 661757.
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi, 23541.
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, 41559.
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 71231.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 71751.
Armenian International Church (Inter-denominational) meets at Southern Baptist School in Shamsi, 663249.

PRAYER TIMES

06:01 Fair
05:23 (Sunrise) Shuruq
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15:13 'Asr
17:55 Maghreb
19:28 Isha

FOR THE TRAVELLER

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Journalists' association criticises U.S. decision not to sell Jordan arms

AMMAN (Petra) — The general committee of the Jordanian Journalists Association (JJA) Friday condemned the American decision not to provide Jordan with weapons and described it as a hostile and provocative act towards Jordan and the Arab World.

The committee, which held its annual meeting at the Jordan Professional Association Complex, voiced its support for King Hussein's latest sentiments on the U.S. and described these statements as courageous ones which take into consideration the preservation of Jordan's dignity.

During the meeting, which was presided over by the president of the JJA, Mr. Mahmoud Al Kayed and attended by 46 members, denouncing the action at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) headquarters in Geneva and called on the Arab and International Press Associations to stand by UNESCO.

Draft pension law

The committee, Jordan News Agency, Petra, said, gave its legal committee a period of four months to prepare a draft pension law for journalists.

It also recommended that the

press foundations pay their annual contributions to the JJA no later than June. Such contributions are due to pay for the JJA's advertisements in the press.

The committee entrusted the council to transfer money from the JJA fund to cover the costs of the treatment of members who are ill, in accordance with the provisions of the medical insurance regulations.

Medical insurance

The committee also authorised the council to start amending the medical insurance regulations in order to allow the council to transfer funds from the association to the medical insurance fund without referring back to the general assembly.

The assembly also recommended that if a press foundation dismisses one of its employees without valid reasons, the council will investigate the circumstances surrounding the dismissal and then issue a decision.

The assembly also recommended that the council continues to pay the wages of any dismissed members until their problems are solved, and that the association pays any legal fees incurred as a result of any litigation.

Sea transport affairs with Egypt discussed

AMMAN (Petra) — Bilateral relations in the field of transport between Jordan and Egypt were discussed Thursday during a meeting involving Transport Minister Taher Hikmat and director of the Ports and Lighthouses Authority in Egypt, Major-General Mubeeb Hilal.

Maj.-Gen. Hilal, who arrived here Wednesday on a few-day official visit, discussed with Mr. Hikmat ways of increasing sea-transport between Aqaba and Egyptian ports. Remedying problems faced by passengers travelling, in addition to the prevention of sea water pollution were also discussed.

Maj.-Gen. Hilal expressed his happiness at his first visit to Jordan and said that it had been aimed at bolstering bilateral relations between Jordan and Egypt in all fields, particularly in the field of sea-transport.

He added that many subjects of special significance to his country and Jordan will be discussed during future meetings with the Ports Corporations officials.

Attending the meeting were Mr. Mustafa Fawzi, director-general of the Egyptian's Ports Corporation Inspection division, and Mr. Murdi Qatamin, director-general of the Ports Corporation in Jordan.

Shoman science awards made

AMMAN (J.T.) — Nine Arab scientists, including three Jordanians, Wednesday received Abdul Hamid Shoman awards for outstanding achievements in medicine, engineering, agriculture, sciences and social sciences.

A special presentation ceremony was held here at the headquarters of the Arab Bank which was established by the late Abdul Hamid Shoman. His son Abdul Majid Shoman, the bank's present board chairman, presented the awards to the nine scholars and scientists on behalf of the foundation.

This foundation, since its establishment in 1980, has endeavoured to encourage young

Arab scientists to innovate and to serve their nation and the future generations, Mr. Shoman said.

Later in the ceremony Mr. Shoman distributed the awards to the winners in the presence of their families and the press.

Dr. Kamel Ajlouni, Jordan's minister of health shared the medical award with Dr. Nayef Emil Sa'adeh of Lebanon who founded the first neurology laboratory at the Lebanese University.

Dr. Ajlouni was honoured for his 53 research papers published here to promote the advancement of Jordan's medical services, for helping to establish Hamad Hospital in Qatar and the Arab Medical Specialisations Council.



South Korean Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Chung-Sup Shin (left) and National Planning Council President Omar Abdullah Dakhban (right)

Thursday sign the minutes of the joint economic committee (Petra photo)

Arab population conference ends, calls for comprehensive social programme

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The regional conference on population in the Arab World, after five days of intensive discussions at its closing session here Thursday, issued recommendations which aim at solving problems in this respect.

In the field of development and population policies, the conference recommended the drawing up of a comprehensive plan taking into consideration social, economic situations of each Arab country.

The conference, in its recommendations, called on Arab countries to work towards satisfying the basic needs of people in their jobs, and in relation to education, health, food and housing by the year 2,000.

Women's status in society and her participation in development through the adoption of the principle of equality was stressed throughout the conference which also called for more participation of women in public life.

The conference recommended that a link should be made between industrial plans and agricultural development projects in order to get the best out of those projects.

In the field of population policy, the conference recommended the provision of a suitable social and economic atmosphere to control birth rates.

The conference, which was pre-

sided over by the president of the Jordanian delegation, Minister of Labour Tayseer Abdul Jabbar, adopted the principle of "Health for All by the Year 2,000" in line with the slogan of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

With regards to Arab co-operation, the conference urged Arab friends to finance regional projects through studies and population activities in the framework of development plans and joint Arab action.

The conference also recommended continued international co-operation with the United Nations (U.N.) in the fields of technical and financial assistance.

Agricultural report

The Arab World, with 45 per cent of its labour force engaged in agriculture, is still heavily dependent on food imports due to low productivity and financial and technical restraints, according to a report presented Wednesday.

Submitted by the Arab Agricultural Development Organisation (AADO) to the conference, the report says half of the region's need for cereals and 60 per cent of its meat requirements are met by imports.

This informed the meeting, which was sponsored by the United Nations Economic Commission for Western Asia and the Arab League, that agriculture continues to play an important role in the region's economy though its contribution to the Gross

National Product (GNP) of the respective countries varies greatly.

In Somalia, agriculture accounts for 60 per cent of GNP but for only 1.2 per cent in the region's oil producing countries.

According to experts, only a quarter of the region's 200 million hectares of Arab land is being utilised, while 80 per cent of the cultivated area is rain-dependent.

The report estimates that if the present trend is continued, by the end of the century, the Arab World will be able to cut down its cereal imports by one-third and its meat requirements to 45 per cent of present levels. Wheat imports will fall by 50 per cent, while self-sufficiency will be achieved in fish and vegetables.

A recent report by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), based on a study of 15 Arab countries, indicates that only five nations — Somalia, Syria, Mauritania, Algeria and Iraq — can reach food self-sufficiency by the year 2,000, and even then only if the proportion of national incomes invested in this sector is increased.

FAO recommended that Arab countries should emphasise regional agricultural co-operation to bring about eventual food self-sufficiency. The U.N. body also called on the Arab countries to curb their population growth rate from three plus to 2.5 per cent a year.

Joint economic committee completes first meeting S.Korea signs phosphates, potash purchase agreement

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — South Korea has agreed to buy 150,000 tonnes of phosphates and 60,000 tonnes of potash in an agreement signed at a meeting between a joint Jordanian-South Korean economic committee here Thursday.

The joint committee also agreed to study the prospects of marketing Jordanian goods in South Korea and neighbouring countries and to encourage the private sectors in both countries to increase and diversify their trade and investments.

An official at the National Planning Council (NPC) here said both sides have agreed on the necessity to start joint-venture projects to strengthen bilateral economic relations, and to study the possibilities of initiating joint industrial projects.

The official said a South Korean industrial delegation is scheduled to visit Jordan soon to study prospects for joint-ventures.

In the field of technical co-operation, the South Korean side agreed to set up 15 courses to train Jordanians in the fields of civil engineering, water, rural development, agriculture and information.

In the area of culture, both sides agreed in principle on the implementation of the cultural co-operation agreement programme for the years 1984, 1985, 1986

already signed between the two countries. The South Korean side extended an invitation to Jordan to participate in the trade fair which will be held there later this year.

The signed minutes of the meeting stated that the next meeting of the joint committee will be held in the South Korean capital, Seoul, on a date to be agreed upon later.

The minutes were signed by NPC President Omar Abdullah Dakhban for the Jordanian side and by South Korean Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Chung-Sup Shin for the South Koreans.

Prior to his departure for Zaïre Thursday, Mr. Shin and his accompanying delegation also met Minister of Labour Tayseer Abdul Jabbar and Public Works Minister Rayef Nejm and discussed with them ways of strengthening existing bilateral ties.

Indians celebrate festival of colours

By P.V. Vivekanand
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Indian community in Jordan Friday celebrated "Holi," the traditional festival of colours, at their ambassador's residence in Jabal Amman with typical Indian dances and music.

The celebrations were organised by the India Club, an organisation grouping prominent Indians living in the Kingdom which aims at promoting Indian cultural activities, and an official of the club explained that although the actual date of the festival fell on March 16, it was decided to celebrate the essentially outdoor festivities in Jordan on March 30 in view of the weather.

For an onlooker it would have looked strange to see people with handfuls of colour chasing each other. But then splashing each other with colours is one of the highlights of Holi celebrations.

A mixture of red, blue and green shrouded the atmosphere for some time after the crowd went on the rampage with the colours.

Holi is a traditional Indian festival which dates back to centuries and although there are a number

of mythological stories behind the origin of the celebrations, the occasion is essentially to mark the harvest time for the farmer.

A variety entertainment programme followed the traditional celebrations in which each can splash anyone in the crowd with colours with no distinction of class or creed.

A number of children took active part in the entertain programme, apart from talented Indian singers and musicians living in Jordan.

Indian women who are married to Jordanians also attended the celebrations.

Correction

Jordan National Bank increased its 1983 profits by 68.3 per cent over 1982 and not by 40.5 per cent as it was erroneously mis-printed in Wednesday's, March 28, 1984, edition of the Jordan Times issue. The Jordan Times apologises for this mistake.

Medical Day celebrated

AMMAN (Petra) — The University of Jordan's medical faculty Thursday held its third "Medical Day" in the auditorium of the University of Jordan's hospital.

Teaching staff at the Faculty of Medicine exhibited 22 specialised pieces of research to mark the occasion.

Dr. Abdul Wahhab Al Burdusi, vice-president of the scientific faculties affairs, in opening, the

exhibition said the scientific research compiled by the teaching staff, both in terms of both quantity and quality, merits more than one medical day during a year.

Dr. Burdusi outlined the importance of community medicine, particularly regarding family health and mother and child health care services, in looking after the community.

Girl guides call for readmission of Egypt

AMMAN (Petra) — The ninth Arab girl guides conference concluded here Thursday with a call for the readmission of Egypt to the Arab girl guides, a membership which has been suspended ever since Egypt signed the Camp David agreements with Israel five years ago.

In a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Arab girl guides secretary-general, Um

Salma Sa'id Abdul Latif said that among the many recommendations of the conference was the holding of a training course for girl guide leaders for this September as well as the reformulation of the bureau's constitution.

The bureau, which was founded in 1966, counts 16 Arab countries among its membership.

Archaeologists show taxpayers money is well spent

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — One of the exhibitions, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, visited during her short visit to Jordan, was the exhibition of the recent archaeological projects sponsored by the British Institute at Amman for Archaeology and History.

The exhibition, which opened at the Amra Hotel Saturday, as part of their "British Week" but then will be moving to the British Council, shows via well laid out panels of colour and black and white photographs and short sections of text what the British archaeologists have been doing in the area since the institute's formal opening in 1980.

"We felt it was important to show on a professional level what we are doing, and to make this information available to the layman," the director of the institute, Dr. Andrew Garrard, told the Jordan Times. This is particularly important "since archaeology is a luxury subject which uses the British taxpayers money."

With that money however the institute seems to achieve a great deal. As well as providing accommodation, a library, equipment (darkrooms, microscopes etc.) and work facilities in Amman, enabling the archaeological teams and scholars who come from all over the world to carry out their studies, the institute also provides a venue for discussion, lectures, seminars and exhibitions. It also publishes an annual journal, "Levant", in which the scholars may publish their work, as well as

an advisory and liaison service to scholars and institutes both in and out of Jordan. In addition it undertakes limited educational work (Dr. Garrard teaches the MA students at the University of Jordan) and finally the institute offers, on top of its main research grants, a number of smaller travel and scholarship grants each year.

Century's activity

British archaeologists have been active in Jordan for over a century and in that time some very interesting work has been achieved. No less interesting however are the present projects which are on show in chronological order at this exhibition.

Dr. Garrard is a prehistorian who has been working out in the Azraq depression where he has been trying to reconstruct the past climate and environment and to document the changes in population, culture and subsistence through the crucial period from the Upper Paleolithic (c.25,000 B.C.) until the late Chalcolithic (c. 3,500 B.C.). So far there have been two seasons of work. The first survey uncovered the ancient bed of a vast 800 square kilometre lake which is no longer there today.

"We have also located a number of sites which are very rich, not only in tools but in bone and seed remains. These are valuable finds as they give us an idea of the plant and animal history in the area," Dr. Garrard said.

One of the display cases at the exhibition is devoted to these finds and, as well as exquisitely crafted arrow heads of fine proportions, there are the bones of gazelle, ostriches, foxes and hares

and of great interest is a small piece of flint on which is engraved tiny ancient drawings of an ibex and a hyena.

Black desert

The black desert is the name given to the volcanic landscapes of craters, peaks and ancient lava flows that stretch from Mafrag to H4. Studying the traces of human activity in that area and the patterns of their movement is Alison Betts who has discovered nearly 300 sites, which range from small scatters of worked flints to large and elaborate complexes. One of the most spectacular finds is the discovery of the "desert kites" — animal traps that stretch in their hundreds across the Basalt Landscape. The "kites" — so called because of their long trailing walls which would at one time have stood between two to three metres high and star shaped corals — represent a highly organised method of capturing large numbers of animals, at the same time. Great herds of gazelle were driven down the gradually narrowing space between the walls until they were forced into the polygonal trap at the end. Here they were picked off by archers concealed in hides around the coral.

Working on an ancient village site (7,000 to 6,000 B.C.) in Beidha is Diana Kirkbride Helback. Three villages have so far been uncovered, the remains of the earliest being well preserved due to a fire which raised it to the ground. Mr. Peter Parr, meanwhile, has been working on Tell Nebi Mend, a site was known in antiquity as Qadesh on the Orontes and was one of the most important Syrian city states in the Late Bronze Age (16-12th century B.C.). There has been a long sequence of occupations on this very beautiful site, and it is this that makes Tell Nebi Mend of importance to the archaeologists who began work there in 1975.

Founding mother

Mrs. Crystal Bennett, the founding director of the institute, has worked for many years on two sites in the south of Jordan. Busrah, a large fortified town on the Edomite plateau which was occupied from approximately the 8th to the 5th century B.C., and Tawilan, an Iron Age site near Petra are her two specialties. It was at this latter site that a 1982 season uncovered the first uniform tablets (on display at this exhibition) ever to be found in Jordan and a spectacular hoard of golden jewellery.

Other projects sponsored or directed by the British include the excavation of the large fortress at Udrh, which was particularly important between the Nabataean and early Islamic periods, by Alistair Killick, the excavations of the fortifications of Qal'at Amman (the Citadel) by Alistair Northedge, a survey of the Wadi Arab by Jack Hanbury Tenison, a study of the impact of Roman architecture on the native building traditions in the area by Hazel Dodge, a survey of Roman sculpture depicting Roman arms and armour by Jonathan Coulston, a study on the different types of Tabun (bread ovens) used by the local people by Alison McQuilty and finally a study on the "bedouin architecture" in Petra by Piotr Bienkowski.

The exhibition runs until the end of the month.

HOTEL AMMAN CROWN

REDUCTION IN MEMBERSHIP FEES

The management of "Amman Crown Hotel" announces its decision to reduce the membership fees for the "Sports Complex" of the hotel project effective from 1/4/1984 as under:

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ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday

Al Ra'i: False argument

IN AN attempt to interpret the conviction by the Queen of Britain that a Palestinian tragedy exists, Israeli President Hertzog claimed that the tragedy lies in the rejection of the Palestinians to negotiate with Israel.

Such an allegation is completely groundless, since the Israeli officials always announce their rejection of negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) despite the fact that almost the whole world has recognised the PLO as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. Moreover, Israel is still exercising pressures on the U.S. administration to continue to refrain from negotiating with the Palestinians. Despite this, Hertzog still alleges that the Palestinians are the cause of the Palestinian tragedy.

Nobody doubts that the lies of Hertzog in London, and those of other Israeli officials, which coincided with Queen Elizabeth's visit to Jordan have their own directives. They only suggest that Israel wants to try with the British government the same method it has maintained in dealing with the U.S. administration.

Israel, over the long past years since its creation on Palestinian soil and the beginning of the Palestinian tragedy, has applied a distinguished method in the international arena. This method is based on lies and blackmail. It seems that success of this method for sometime in parts of the world has encouraged the Israeli officials to continue applying it to Europe, in the hope that it might achieve results similar to those still achieved in America.

The European statement, which was issued two days ago, calling on Israel to put an end to its occupation of Arab land, signifies rejection of the Israeli lies.

Israel seems to have learnt nothing from its experience in Lebanon and the West Bank, where our courageous people face the barbaric method and all Israeli aggressive practices of the occupation.

Sawt Al Shaab: Glorious Land Day

TODAY MARKS the Palestine Land Day, the day which represents the values of sacrifice and heroic death for defending a people's land. The anniversary embodies sacrifice as a means for liberating usurped land, and highlights the crux of the struggle between the rightful struggle of our people and the aggressive nature of our enemy.

The challenge Zionism poses to our people is that of existence on their own land or leaving it. It is the challenge of being attached to one's homeland or abandoning its Arab affiliation. Therefore, the uprooting was the crux of Zionist policies in Palestine and the confiscation of land and expelling its owners were the core of Zionism's greed and its firm target over the long years of conflict.

The campaigns of intimidation, siege deprivation, financial pressure, confiscation of land and waters, creating hard economic conditions and officially-supported terrorist practices by Zionist extremists are all aimed at liquidating our people's existence on their soil, in addition to expelling them from our land; thus having the land without the people, achieving the ultimate goal of Israel, and consequently enabling it to go ahead with its expansionist policy, which has never stopped.

The Israeli-Arab conflict over the land and the successive Arab insurrections, which took place were aimed at detaching the land and its Arab affiliation.

The Land Day is a cry of faith and belief, launched every year by the brave people on our occupied land. It reminds our Arab and Muslim people of the lost land and awakens the conscience of the world community. This anniversary reminds the whole world of our national and our sacred right in this land.

Thursday

Al Ra'i: A lesson to be learnt

FRIDAY MARKS the eighth anniversary of Land Day, the anniversary which commemorates the rise of the Arab population under Israeli occupation rule against their tormentors and aggressors, who have been denying them their rights. The rise and the struggle of the Arab people for regaining their lands and rights eight years ago was a lesson to all Arabs in ways of resistance and a reminder to the world that Zionist-occupied Palestine belongs to its indigenous population, who still exist and continue fighting for liberation and freedom.

The lesson to be learnt is that there can be no liberation and freedom without sacrifice, like that which the Arab population had made eight years ago when they heroically faced the bullets of Israeli troops while defending their rights in their territory and land. Unless the Arabs learn the lesson, their observance of the anniversary of Land Day will be meaningless. Awaiting a solution from other nations and counting on help from the U.S. to settle our problems only mean more impotence and failure for the Arabs.

The Land Day anniversary is a torch lit by the Palestinians, and it should be made to light the way for all Arabs and lead them to freedom.

Al Dstour: Constructive gesture

WEDNESDAY'S EUROPEAN Community statement calling on the Israelis to end their occupation of the Arab lands is another constructive step that follows the Venice Declaration on the Middle East. The move was natural after European leaders had learnt the facts from their fact-finding emissaries to the region over the past years and after realising the size of injustice done to the Palestinian Arabs.

No doubt the Europeans have also studied in depth the far-reaching consequences of continued Israeli aggression on its Arab neighbours, and Israel's intransigence and disrespect of international laws and U.N. resolutions. No doubt, this attitude brings satisfaction to the Arabs; but these statements will remain meaningless unless Europe takes further steps to help establish real peace in the area and put an end to Israel's occupation.

To help the Europeans take another constructive step in this direction the Arabs should themselves adopt constructive policies and must find means of helping themselves so that the outside world can extend a hand and rescue them from their plight.

Sawt Al Shaab: 'Generous' U.S. aid

REPORTS SAY that the U.S. Congress Foreign Relations Committee has recommended a \$350-million increase of U.S. economic assistance to Israel this year to make the total aid reach \$1.2 billion. This U.S. generosity to Israel has become an annual event, conducted by successive American administrations. This assistance is nothing but a reward by the Americans to Israel for its continued occupation of Arab land and its pursuance of illegal practices and aggressive measures in the occupied territories.

The U.S. seems committed to finance Israel's expansionist plans and settlement programmes on Arab land, and, nonetheless, its aggressive campaigns against Lebanon and other parts of the Arab World. Israel gets the best portion of the annual U.S. foreign assistance in addition to grants and aid that come from various other sources in the United States as well as American arms shipments and technological aid.

Therefore, it becomes incumbent upon the Arab leaders to reconsider their relations with the United States and to consider the state of Israel as a purely American enterprise in their midst. This also should destroy whatever left of U.S. credibility in our region.

VIEW FROM AMERICA

America has powers to influence Mideast events

SAN FRANCISCO — American troops have withdrawn from Lebanon. American TV said the withdrawals came in small batches... so it would not look like a retreat. And the same day as the withdrawals took place, American warships shelled Falangist positions... only a few shells. The reason was obvious: to make a feeble gesture showing that American policy in Lebanon was even-handed, and not just favouring the Christians. Everything looked feeble, even the pointless shelling. Here was the most powerful nation in the world with its ships probably carrying nuclear weapons unable to do anything to influence the situation in Lebanon.

And some hundreds of miles away was another war, between Iraq and Iran. Whatever happens in that war will pro-

foundly affect the history of our time. That war already has. Why so little real political power from such great military might in the one case, and so much in the other? The answer is simple. In war, many people die, are badly wounded, suffer, and are always afraid of they themselves dying, grief coming to their loved ones. It seems as if the only way might make a difference is if people are willing to die for it, or if leaders can make their people more or less willingly march off into battle and fight well against enemies.

Americans have fought and died well in earlier wars: our Civil War and both world wars. We also fought and died in the Korean War. In Vietnam resentment grew against fighting and dying in so remote a land. As to Lebanon, there is

no support whatsoever in the U.S. for U.S. intervention there. The Marines in Lebanon knew that, so they were anxious to get out. No army can fight a war unless they have the support of people back home. Does that mean Americans have become pacifists? No. Americans are a curious people. They change all the time. Today they might have a total aversion to war, yet, who knows, tomorrow they could suddenly change. That happened in 1941, when the Japanese attacked us. Before then few Americans wanted to go to war, any kind of war. Then suddenly massive patriotic sentiment arose.

But as of now, there is no such sentiment in the U.S. And even if the Strait of Hormuz should be "closed" and the White House decide to send in

American forces, it is not clear there would be much public support. Nobody wants to get involved in a war with Iran. Americans have an image of a nation of fanatics, all ready to die in the fight against the "Great Satan." That sentiment too could change suddenly, but it would require a hostile move by the Iranians comparable to the Japanese assault on Pearl Harbour. And such an assault could not be "faked" by other intelligence services that might want to provoke an incident to get the Americans involved. It has to be real or it will backfire on the perpetrators.

In 1956, when the British, French, and Israelis invaded Egypt, the U.S. ordered them to leave. They did. Clearly the U.S. acted as an imperial power. When the U.S. made the Shah of Iran its regional

policeman in the Middle East, it again acted as an imperial power. But after the U.S. withdrawal from Lebanon, one can say that for the first time in many centuries, there is no imperial power in the Middle East.

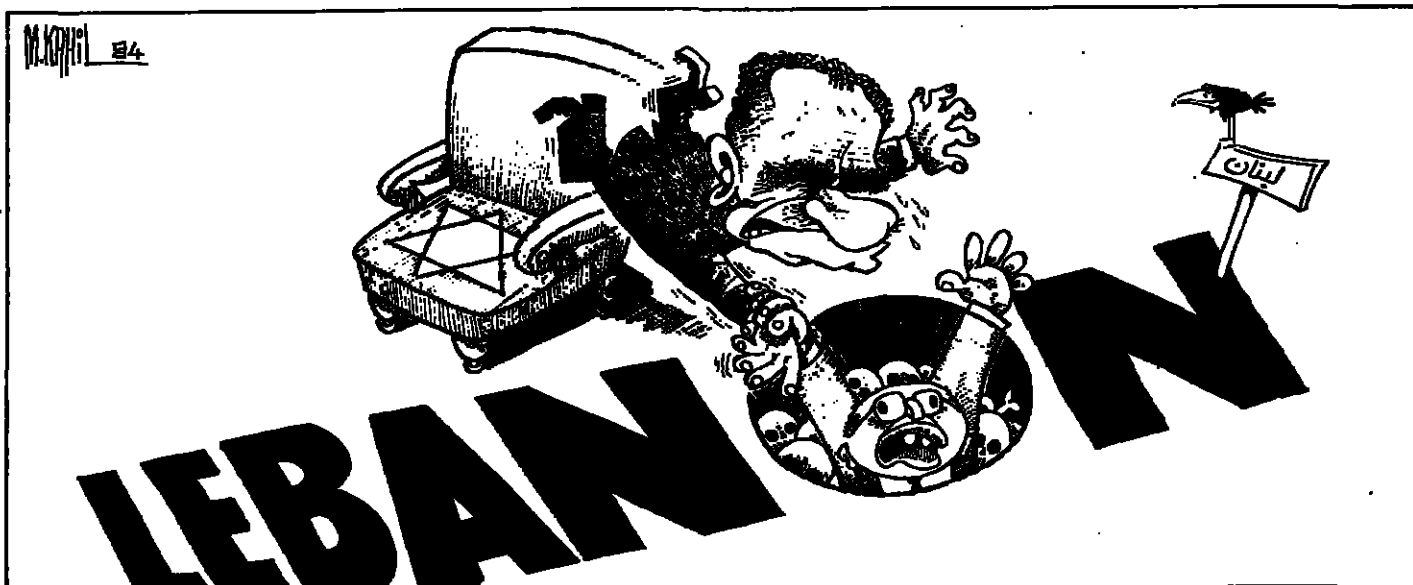
The Iran-Iraq war is the first major war since the end of World War II, where neither of the superpowers has been involved in any significant way. Both nations may get weapons and money from the outside, but the war is entirely between the two of them.

Maybe this is the pattern for the Middle East as a whole. With the superpowers playing less of a role, the nations and peoples concerned will have to deal... or fight it out among themselves. Is this not what has been happening in Lebanon?

And what about Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories? Less American power means "solutions" like "Camp David" or the "Reagan plan" are illusions. In the end, solutions can only be evolved on the ground, among the participants themselves.

Yet it also would be an illusion to think America will retreat to its shores. Even if its ability to impose its will is limited, the U.S., by virtue of its economic and cultural power along with its military might, is a global force. That force cannot be easily eliminated even from the Middle East. History is tricky. It always goes in zig-zags. The only lesson is that "fundamental" lessons must never be drawn from particular events like the American withdrawal from Lebanon.

By Franz Schurmann



Lebanese Resistance Front makes it unbearable for occupation forces

By David Rogers
Reuter

SIDON, Lebanon — Two Israeli armoured personnel carriers (APCs) careered round a corner in the Sidon back streets. The hunt was on for a saloon car carrying Lebanese Resistance Front (LRF) fighters.

As the armoured vehicles swung left, a helmeted soldier was almost thrown off one APC and arms reached down to haul him back aboard, like a sailor clambering into a keeling dinghy.

Moments earlier, the car — military censorship forbids further identification — had slipped alongside an Israeli army vehicle just a block away. Soldiers heard the pop of a hand grenade being detonated as it was thrown from the car.

The grenade missed its target and exploded without causing casualties. Israeli soldiers opened fire as the vehicle roared away, wounding a Lebanese bystander at a petrol station.

Within seconds, walkie-talkies in every Israeli post, vehicle and

with every foot patrol in the area crackled to life. Through the static a calm voice gave an account of the attack.

The Israeli escort officer accompanying two British correspondents through Sidon rapidly explained the incident and issued orders to take a detour. It was his last day in South Lebanon before ending a month of reserve duty and he wanted nothing to delay his return home to Tel Aviv.

Minutes later, his worries deepened when the walkie-talkie reported two roadside charges had exploded south of Sidon on the coastal road back to Israel.

"It's one of those days," the officer remarked.

There have been far too many of "those days" for the luckless Israeli units assigned to police Sidon. Its mixed population of Muslims, Christians and Palestinians have long been hostile and the army makes no secret it would like to evacuate the city as part of Israel's next pullback in Lebanon.

Earlier this year, a crack paratroop brigade hoped it had got on top of the Sidon situation by put-

ting more foot patrols on the street and adopting more assertive tactics.

For several weeks, the flow of Israeli casualties was reduced. But the paratroopers' record was ruined when in one bloody day at the end of their tour of duty, 17 were injured by explosions in Sidon port. One later died of his wounds.

Following the established drill, Israeli checkpoints cut off the exits from Sidon as soon as the saloon's escape was radioed.

Panicky queues of Lebanese vehicles jammed the road south, some of them reversing the wrong way down a dual carriageway to avoid an Israeli roadblock.

Brandishing an Uzi sub-machine gun, the escort officer and two guards got out of the correspondents' car and ordered the Lebanese to pull over and make way. "It's not healthy to be standing still here with Israeli number plates," he said.

In a Shi'ite village a few kilometres south, the roadside was still smoking where an explosive charge had gone off as an Israeli patrol passed.

An ambulance and about a

dozen Israeli soldiers were at the scene. Nobody had been hurt.

Roadside charges have become a daily event in the Sidon area. More than half have failed to inflict casualties but the accumulative effect of those which have, has been heavy.

On the pot-holed road between Sidon and the Israeli border, army positions are fortified by thick earthworks as protection against car-bombers.

Somewhere across this road, Israel is expected to draw a new front line when it carries out a long-planned pullback from present positions on the Awali River, north of Sidon, and gives up control of the city.

If the opposition Labour Party wins Israel's forthcoming general election, it says it will get the army completely out of Lebanon as quickly as possible.

The ruling right-wing coalition, however, says if it retains power it will assure the area north of the Israeli frontier is secure by building a reliable local militia before withdrawing the army.

Ministers acknowledged this could take years.

Rabat should miss Sekou Toure most

By Michael Goldsmith
Associated Press

RABAT — The sudden death of Guinea's President Ahmed Sekou Toure is a grievous blow to the dwindling group of moderate African states and to Morocco's campaign for international recognition of its annexation of the Western Sahara.

The 50-nation Organisation of African Unity (OAU) already virtually paralysed by a split between the "Western-oriented" moderates and the "anti-imperialist" radicals, has lost one of its dominant personalities and the man designated as its next chairman.

A former Soviet-backed militant, Mr. Sekou Toure had become increasingly more pro-Western and one of the most influential champions of Morocco's cause in the Sahara.

He also was a persuasive mediator, and African moderates and radicals alike had hoped his tenure as chairman would bring a new meaning and cohesion to the ailing OAU, the world's largest regional organisation.

The OAU is scheduled to hold a summit meeting in the Guinean capital, Conakry, on May 24, but it was not certain whether the meeting would convene.

Officially, no immediate decision was taken by acting OAU Secretary General Peter Onu on changing the date or location of the organisation's 20th annual summit meeting.

But high officials in the Moroccan government, senior African diplomats and Western diplomatic sources said they ruled out any possibility that the summit could convene as scheduled.

One senior Moroccan government official said Mr. Sekou Toure's death was "the worst thing that could possibly have happened" following what Morocco claims as the conclusive military defeat of the Algerian

backed Polisario guerrillas in the Western Sahara in recent months.

The OAU normally selects its summit sites several years in advance, in rotation among Africa's regions and language groups and as a tribute to the stature and prestige of the host country's chief of state who traditionally serves as the summit chairman.

This year's summit was to take up a number of crucial African problems including in Sahara dispute, the conflicts in Chad and in the Horn of Africa, the controversial disengagement agreements between South Africa and its neighbours and the financial crisis of the OAU itself caused by substantial arrears in member states' contributions.

The 20th summit also was due to name a secretary-general of a full four-year term, an issue caught up in the organisation's ideological squabbling.

The summit may have no recourse but to return to Soviet-influenced Ethiopia, which has often taken an even more intransigent position on the conflict than Algeria.

With the hard-lining Mengistu as chairman for the second year running, it would also tend to undermine the moderates' position on Chad and other African conflicts and could lead to a hard-liner being named OAU secretary general.

With the moderates weakened by Mr. Sekou Toure's death, they may not be able to muster a blocking minority to prevent Polisario being seated or to keep the Libyan-backed Chad rebels at Goukouni Oueddei out of the summit.

The front runner for Mr. Sekou Toure's succession in Guinea was veteran Prime Minister Lansana Beavogui, who was likely to carry on the late president's policies but lacked the immediate stature to be accepted by other African leaders as their chairman.

Will Pretoria pull out when Cuba does?

By James F. Smith
Reuter

JOHANNESBURG — Angola's pledge to send home Cuban troops if certain conditions are met could help break a deadlock in negotiations to grant independence to South Africa-ruled South West Africa.

But a South African Foreign Ministry spokesman declined comment Tuesday on the Angolan-Cuban communique. "We are waiting for the full text, and will respond after we study it," he said.

South Africa, backed by United States, repeatedly has said the presence of the estimated 25,000 Cubans is the only barrier to independence for the neighbouring territory, usually called Namibia.

The Angolan-Cuban communique in Havana on Monday appeared to shift the burden back onto South Africa to respond in a way that would further the negotiations, given South Africa's emphasis of the Cuban troop issue.

The conditions for a Cuban withdrawal set out in the communique are close to positions South Africa has taken recently and to the terms of a non-aggression pact South Africa signed with Mozambique on Friday.

A main condition is South African troop withdrawal from Angola, which South Africa accepted in a meeting with Angola last month in Lusaka, Zambia. South Africa and Angola have set up a commission to monitor South Africa's withdrawal from southern Angola, and both sides have indicated the withdrawal is going smoothly.

A second condition is a halt to South African support for anti-Marxist guerrillas battling President Eduardo Jose dos Santos' Angolan government.

Another condition is implementation of a United Nations-sponsored independence plan for Namibia, under Security Council Resolution 435. South Africa has said it accepts the terms of the resolution.

The government-controlled South African broadcasting corp. in an editorial Tuesday before the Angolan-Cuban communique reached here, focused on what it called "the UNITA factor." Jonas Savimbi's rebel movement, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, poses a serious threat to the survival of Dos Santos' government. Without direct talks between Mr. Savimbi and Mr. Dos Santos and a power-sharing agreement, the withdrawal of the Cubans would greatly increase the guerrilla threat.

South Africa has neither acknowledged nor denied that it aids Mr. Savimbi, but Western observers widely believe South African support is extensive.

Meanwhile, the South-West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) independence have said they are willing to negotiate with South Africa.

"SWAPO is urging the Botha regime to talk to SWAPO and resolve the problem," Sam Nujoma, head of SWAPO, said Monday in Lusaka.

SWAPO has been fighting for Namibia independence for 17 years. South Africa took control of the former German colony during World War I and has ignored repeated U.N. resolutions.

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A 'philosophy' to tranquilise the world through meditation

The effect that practising this technology has, Mr. Briganti said, is like the effect of a field or sphere of influence surrounding a simple

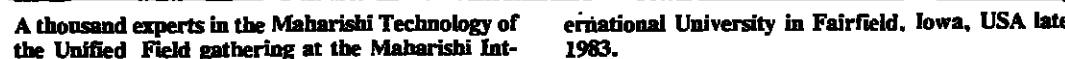
of the problems themselves," he continued. "In practising the technique one gets down to the most fundamental level of existence, and tunes himself to function in a



been really trying very hard to settle the conflict and nothing has happened yet which would indi-

Asked about the anticipated

In seven one-hour classes, they are taught how to generate a "suitable" thought or sound on which to dwell. As they progress in the technique, they find their level of conscious mental activity slows down.



By Kevin Costelloe
Associated Press

Galileo bedeviled church leaders by reducing the earth's status in the heavens, insisting that the sun was the central body of the solar system with the planets revolving around it. Summoned to Rome and tried by an inquisition court in 1633, the astronomer was

Martin Luther's 16th century religious rebellion sparked armed battles between Protestants and Roman Catholics on the plains of Europe. Joint Catholic-Lutheran commission, strongly supported by Pope John Paul II, has been studying for two decades the tea-

Monsignor Purdy said in an interview that much of the current revisionism dates back to the second Vatican council, which in 1965 opened the church to a more tolerant view of divergent thoughts.

Twenty-five years after Joan of Arc, the excommunicated Maid of Orleans, was burned at the stake, the church realised the political

A month later, He visited a Lutheran church in Rome, be-


But, he added, "most Catholics wouldn't defend the way in which these people were treated."

TAIPEI — The Republic of China's Consumers Foundation foodstuff industry in the U.S., the foundation pointed out.

But the U.S. EPA standards were set under great pressure from the Department of Agriculture, grain dealers and the

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No room for newcomer as Liverpool chases United

LONDON (R) — Scottish soccer international John Wark, who would walk into any other team in England, will learn his reputation counts for little when he begins his Liverpool career on the substitutes' bench at Watford Saturday.

Wark's tally of over 100 goals for Ipswich, an astonishing number for a midfielder in the first division, tempted Liverpool to pay £450,000 (\$630,000) for his services last week in an attempt to overturn Manchester United's one point lead in the title run-in.

But manager Joe Fagan is disinclined to alter his League Cup winning formation and Wark will have to be content with nudging Irish international striker Michael Robinson off the bench and into the reserves.

Wark is just one of a number of big-name signings hoping to force their way into Fagan's starting

line-up. Robinson, defenders Steve Nicol and Gary Gillespie, goalkeeper Bob Bolder and striker Dave Hodgson — who cost a combined total of over £1.5 million (\$2.1 million) — are also on the outside looking in.

With the League Cup tucked away in the trophy cabinet after Wednesday's 1-0 win over arch-rivals Everton, Liverpool will now turn their attentions to catching United, who face a dangerous trip to West Bromwich where they have lost six of their last seven fixtures.

While Liverpool were finally overcoming Everton after 210

minutes of football, United were enjoying a five-day sunshine break in Spain and manager Ron Atkinson, captain Bryan Robson and midfielder Remi Moses have returned home eager to improve that miserable record against their former club.

Everton and Southampton, who meet in the F.A. Cup semifinals in two weeks time, stage in intriguing dress rehearsal at Goodison.

The League Cup final replay has cost Everton the services of Irish midfielder Kevin Sheedy, who aggravated an old ankle injury and is out for the rest of the season, but they will welcome back rugged Scottish striker Andy Gray.

Gray, ineligible for the League Cup, returns to lead the attack and his influence could earn Everton a double over Southampton and an early return to Wembley.

Play to win, Rawabdeh instructs national squad

AMMAN (J.T.) — "What is of great importance to me, is that the Jordan Football Association (JFA) become one family, working as one team and shouldering the responsibility of raising the banner of our homeland high," President of the JFA Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh told a meeting of the national squad Thursday evening.

He urged that all efforts be unified towards one end, that is getting good results, and the national team should play to win matches and not just for the sake of participating in a particular tournament. Mr. Rawabdeh said that victory will be assured through the team's will, co-operation and punctuality.

Mr. Rawabdeh said he was proud in particular of his post as president of the JFA, because dealing with such large sector of youths made him feel proud of such a post.

"We, as Arabs," said Mr. Rawabdeh, "started to feel proud of sports since the Tunisian national soccer team proved in 1978 during the World Soccer Cup finals that the Arab World can compete with top teams, be it at club or national level."

Mr. Rawabdeh added that the association would work towards developing the Jordanian National Soccer team to appear in the best possible formation and to be a strong competitor in all domains.

During the discussion Mr. Rawabdeh touched upon the circumstances of the players and promised to find solutions thereto, provided that they be punctual and join training and take part in the friendly and international games.

Mr. Rawabdeh then pointed out that the forthcoming plan for preparing the Jordanian national soccer team does not conflict with the clubs' plans.

Mr. Oussama Miquddadi, the association's secretary general, had welcomed the players at the beginning of the meeting and explained to them plans the JFA will adopt.

In reply to a question about the players financial rewards, he said: Financial help is given to players to cover expenses for training and matches transportation fees, meals. Players will not be given regular salaries because of their amateur status.

At the end of the meeting it was decided that preparations for forming the national team will begin next Thursday.

The Jordanian national Coach Mohammad Awad then met with the players and discussed the means capable of ensuring a good start for the preparation period.

Brazilian soccer stars receive World Cup replica

FRANKFURT, West Germany (R) — A pure gold replica of the Jules Rimet trophy, the World Soccer Cup stolen in Brazil last year, was handed to a Brazilian delegation at a special ceremony here Friday.

The new cup, with a cost value of 100,000 marks (\$38,500), was received by the captains of Brazil's three World Cup-winning teams, Bellini, Mauro and Carlos Alberto.

The ceremony was performed by Fritz Walter, captain of West Germany's 1954 World Cup-winning team, and Helmut Schoen, who trained the successful West German 1974 World Cup team.

Brazil became outright winners of the Jules Rimet trophy, named after the French founder of the World Cup tournament, when they took their third title in 1970 after successes in 1958 and 1962. But the Cup was stolen last

December and melted down by the four thieves, who included two policemen, before they were apprehended.

The Brazilian branch of an international photographic company put up the money for a replica to be made and the West German goldsmith firm Geist Und Sohn of Hanau, near Frankfurt, was commissioned to do the work.

The new 34.7-cm high cup, which weighs 3.25 kg, including 1.8 kg of pure gold, was copied from photographs of the original Jules Rimet trophy.

The three Brazilian captains arrive in Rio de Janeiro with the new cup next Tuesday and will have a reception with president Joao Figueiredo on Wednesday.

The trophy then goes on display to the general public at a special ceremony on June 10 at Rio's Maracana stadium where a crowd of 160,000 is expected at the friendly international game with England.

Irish in major bid to land Grand National

LIVERPOOL, England (R) — Irish trainers are all set to land their first Grand National since 1975 as final preparations are made for Saturday's race.

But among those lined up against them in the world's greatest steeplechase are two former winners, the horse which almost spoilt the Aldaniti fairy story of 1981, an animal who stands to make his owner a dollar millionaire overnight in bets alone and a rare challenger from France.

These are just some of the ingredients which will keep millions of people glued to their television screens for ten pulsating minutes on Saturday afternoon.

For Ireland Greasepaint and Yer Man, who finished second and third to last year's winner Corbiere, are joined by Eliogarty, one of the finest hunter chasers in training who made history last year when his owner and rider Caroline Beasley became the first woman to ride a winner at the big Cheltenham festival.

Heavy anti-post betting has installed Greasepaint and Eliogarty as first and second favourite with Corbiere as third best. The odds have tumbled on Greasepaint since his stable companion Saving Mercy won the first big flat race of the season, the Lincoln Handicap.

Greasepaint has been coupled in some big double bets with Saving Mercy and stands to cost bookmakers an estimated £100,000 (\$145,000).

The nine-year-old ran well last time out, and will have top Irish jockey Tommy Carmody in the saddle. But experts point out he is slightly worse off at the weights with Corbiere who beat him fair and square last year.

Yer Man, who ran on gallantly into a place in 1983 at 80-1, was not disgraced in his last race behind Drumaligan who went on to run a fine race in the Cheltenham Gold Cup. His supporters think he could easily be placed again.

Corbiere has been given top weight after the victory last year. His trainer, Jenny Pitman, who is bidding for a famous treble after also winning the Cheltenham Gold Cup earlier this month with Burrough Hill Lad, thinks Corbiere has been harshly treated and will do well to finish fifth or sixth. Although Corbiere has not won

since his Aintree triumph he has run several satisfactory races and has the guts to be thereabouts again, say his admirers.

Gritter, who won the race in 1982, was a slightly disappointing favourite last year when he finished fifth without getting in a blow at the winner.

But Gritter had to shoulder top weight a year ago while not fully fit. He has a little less to do on Saturday and will have champion jump jockey John Francome on board. Francome has already passed one memorable milestone this season by riding his 1,000th winner and hopes Gritter can give him his first win in the National. Gritter's supporters point out that the 11-year-old has never fallen in his career — an important factor over the tough Aintree fences.

Spartan Missile nearly spoiled the amazing National story of 1982 when Bob Champion, recovered from cancer, won an Aldaniti. Spartan Missile forced Aldaniti to fight all the way and although he is a little longer in the tooth and has his fair share of weight he loves the course and is thought by some experts to have a reasonable chance.

But the horse which will cause the bookmakers most heartache is Tactroy. His owner northern businessman Alf Duffield has been backing his horse at all prices from 250-1 down. His latest bet was £5,000 (\$7,250) each way at 20-1. Tactroy is now a 16-1 chance after having a total of £20,000 (\$29,000) plunged onto him by his

brave owner. If Tactroy wins Duffield collects £706,000 (\$1,023,000) as well as the first prize money of £60,853 (\$88,236).

Tactroy is not without chances. He pulled up at the 21st fence last year but has a stone less to carry now. There will be many more forlorn hopes on the day.

The lone French raider is Jivago de Neuville who is being trained in England for the duration of his National challenge. Although he has won 17 times in France he looked rather ordinary on his only outing in England earlier this month at Cheltenham. He has recently been schooled by John Webber over a special Aintree type fence at his stables. But there will be 30 of them on Saturday and his price of 50-1 looks to be less than generous, say some experts.

His owner-rider Monsieur Roger Grand will know that no French rider has won the race. Nor has any woman rider as Valerie Alder, who rides Bush Guide, knows.

She is the sixth to ride in the National. Bush Guide, small though he is, is particularly brave and could run well, according to sources in the north where he is trained.

But at the end of the day many judges think it could be the Irish who are celebrating their first win since F Escargot and Tommy Carberry held off that National giant Red Rum to write another chapter in the Aintree annals.

Hagler tipped to nail 'Hammer'

LAS VEGAS (R) — Undisputed world middleweight boxing champion Marvin Hagler squares off against hard-punching Argentine Juan Domingo Roldan, Friday night in a title bout that many think will not last the full 15 rounds.

Las Vegas bookmakers make the shaven-headed American 7-1 favourite to beat Roldan, a brawling fighter nicknamed "the Hammer" who is making his first tilt at the world title.

"This can be an early ending fight," according to Hagler, who has ruled the middleweight ranks since taking the crown from Britain's Alan Minter in September 1980. The 29-year-old champion is making his ninth defence.

Gil Clancy, a veteran manager and trainer, agrees that the bout may be brief and bloody. "I'm afraid it's going to be a short fight, a very short fight," he said.

Predictably, 26-year-old Roldan disagrees with the oddsmakers. He forecasts that they will see the end of Hagler's 33-fight winning streak.

Roldan is more than two inches (five cm) shorter than Hagler and

his reach is less by nearly six inches (15 cm). But he is not expected to allow these apparent handicaps to cramp his style — keep pressing forward.

Personal animosity between the two fighters surfaced earlier this week over a T-shirt which Roldan wore showing a caricature of the champion being hit on the head with a hammer.

The normally quiet-spoken Hagler publicly voiced irritation, saying: "No racism or colour should be mentioned in fights like this... come Friday night this man is in trouble."

Roldan, whose career record is 50 victories, two defeats, two draws and one no-decision, earned his title shot with a powerful victory last November in Las Vegas against Frank "the Animal" Fletcher of the United States.

The fight was on the same programme as Hagler's last bout, in which he won a unanimous 15-round decision against Roberto Duran of Panama. Hagler, who has legally added the word "Marvellous" before his first name, now has a ring record of 58-22.

Noah beats Teacher in Florida tennis

BOCA RATON, Florida (R) — Second-seeded Yannick Noah of France rolled past American Brian Teacher 6-4, 7-5 Thursday night to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$265,000 men's Grand Prix tennis tournament here.

Noah and Teacher, both strong serve-and-volley players, duelled

on fairly even terms before the French Open champion broke Teacher's service in the ninth game. A service break in the 11th game of the second set led Noah to victory.

In the opening match of the night programme, Scott Davis beat his fellow American Tom Gullickson, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 by taking a third-set tiebreaker 8-6.

While the night programme went according to rankings, the afternoon matches provided an upset.

American Tony Giammalva, a qualifier who is battling to return to the main draw, eliminated fourth-seeded Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

Giammalva beat a frustrated Gomez 5-7, 7-6, 6-2, taking the second set tiebreaker 7-5 and breaking his service in the first and fifth games of the third set.

Gomez said a lack of playing time and winds gusting to more than 40 miles (65 km) an hour were the deciding factors.

"It was my first match since I played in the first round on Monday," Gomez said. "That's too

long to go without playing in a tournament. I felt like I was playing a different tournament today."

Giammalva, who is ranked 185th in the world and said he came close to leaving the professional tennis circuit last year, was not as badly affected by the wind.

In the first set, however, Gomez worked around the wind, using crisp groundstrokes and a service-game loss by Giammalva in the 11th game to take the lead.

In the second set both players rallied from tough positions to hold their services through six-all, setting up the tiebreaker won by Giammalva to even the match.

Gomez was unable to convert three break points in the next game as Giammalva overcame a pair of doublefaults to hold service in a 16-point duel.

He broke Gomez in a 14-point fifth game, gave up a service game to Gomez in the seventh game and held in the eighth to love to end the match.

"It's one of my best wins, especially now," Giammalva said. "I used to get directly into the main draw but for more than a year I've been dropped into the qualifying tournament. I lost a lot of confidence."



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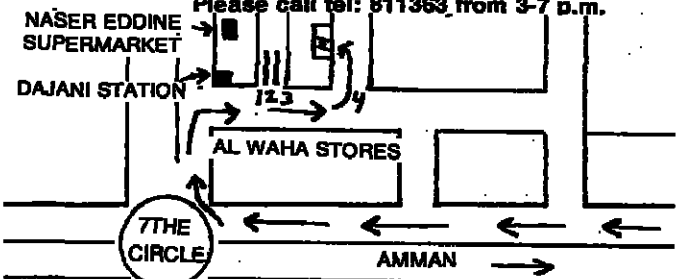
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Turkey raises minimum wages

ANKARA (R) — Turkey has increased its minimum monthly wage for industrial workers by 51 per cent to 24,525 lira (\$76.60), with effect from April 1.

The government's minimum wage commission Wednesday set the new level, which is subject to 31 per cent tax, after lengthy negotiations with trade unionists.

Last year's minimum wage was 16,200 lira (\$50.60), subject to 36 per cent tax.

Although the increase outstrips inflation, which has run at around 40 per cent over the last year, unionists complained that wage rises had overall been kept below inflation over the last three years.

"Fifty-one per cent is a good rise, but how can a person live on this amount today," commented Mr. Necati Celik, leader of Hak-Is trade union confederation.

The government Thursday implemented the fifth increase in a year in petrol, bottled gas and fuel oil prices, raising them by around 10 per cent.

Regular petrol went up from Thursday to 142.80 lira (45 cents) a litre from 133.40 (41 cents).

Last July it stood at 110 lira (34 cents).

Medicines were also set to rise by around 20 per cent, officials said.

Conservative Prime Minister Turgut Ozal blamed the rises on the strength of the dollar.

World Bank approves loans

Meanwhile, the World Bank said Thursday it had approved two loans totalling \$44.4 million for projects in Turkey to provide industrial training and improve industrial productivity.

The bank said in a statement that the 17-year loans consisted of \$36.8 million to finance a scheme to train skilled technicians and \$7.6 million towards the cost of a technical assistance pilot project.

Libyan oil to compensate

On the other hand, Turkey and Libya are negotiating a deal by which Tripoli will supply oil to pay off about \$700 million worth of Libyan debts to Turkish contractors, senior Turkish trade off-

icials said Thursday.

They said agreement had been reached whereby half of three million tonnes of oil due to be imported from Libya in the year up to next February would be settled in cash by Turkey, and this would be paid to contractors by Libya.

Ways of using the remaining 1.5 million tonnes to pay off the contractors are still being discussed and officials said the deal is likely to be finalised when Mr. Ozal pays an expected visit to Libya early in May.

Similar arrangements were made in recent years as Libyan debts to Turkish contractors rose, but the latest deal will be the biggest, they added.

A Libyan official said Turkish contractors in Libya exceed 150 firms with contracts worth \$9 billion.

He defended Libya's position, saying it had supported Turkey during severe economic recession in the early 1980s by awarding contracts to Turkish companies, some of whom he said had not been successful.

Mondale, Hart offer similar economic solutions

WASHINGTON (R) — Despite a rivalry that supposedly pits "new ideas" against the voice of experience, Democratic presidential contenders Mr. Gary Hart and Mr. Walter Mondale have remarkably similar plans for rebuilding the U.S. economy.

Both promise to keep a tight rein on the government spending traditionally favoured by Democrats and to make deep cuts in soaring U.S. budget deficits. Their few sharp differences are on fine points of industrial and energy policy.

Former vice president Mr. Mondale, for instance, has attacked the Colorado senator for opposing a federally financed programme that rescued the Chrysler carmaking firm from bankruptcy.

Mr. Hart disapproves in principle of such government "bail-outs."

Mr. Hart in turn has accused Mr. Mondale of being willing to go to war to keep Gulf oil shipping lanes open.

He says his own controversial plan for a \$10 a barrel oil import fee would develop energy independence and "avoid the unnecessary loss of American life" in the Gulf.

Mr. Hart calls the budget deficits "the darkest cloud on this nation's economic horizon" and says they could bring recession and a new surge of inflation within months.

Mr. Mondale agrees, saying deficits "saddle our children and grandchildren with a mounting burden of debt."

President Reagan, whose tax cuts and defence spending have helped push annual deficits to a record \$180 billion, scoffs at how the Democrats have suddenly become "born-again budget-balancers."

Undaunted, Mr. Hart says he would achieve budget cuts rising from \$10 billion in 1985 to \$187 billion by 1989.

Mr. Mondale promises to chop Mr. Reagan's projected deficits by over \$100 billion, or more than half, by 1989.

Their deficit-cutting plans have many points in common.

Each would limit defence spending to an annual growth rate of four to five per cent, far below Mr. Reagan's goal. Both would scrap the costly MX missile and B-1 bomber programmes.

On the revenue-raising side, both Democrats would cap Mr.

Reagan's 1983 tax cut for Americans in higher-income brackets, impose a surtax on the very wealthy, boost some corporate taxes and close business-tax loopholes.

Mr. Reagan opposes any significant new tax rises.

On the spending side, Mr. Mondale would add \$30 billion and Mr. Hart \$20 billion for education, retraining idle workers and helping states rebuild roads, rail lines and ports.

Major differences do exist on trade policy.

Mr. Mondale, who accuses Japan and European nations of unfair trade practices, says he would match their export subsidies "dollar for dollar" if needed to restore balanced competition.

Mr. Hart opposes that and instead favours negotiations designed to establish fair-trade rules for areas not covered by current agreements, such as high technology and agriculture.

Mr. Mondale also backs a proposed "domestic content" law, a favourite of his organised labour supporters, which would limit the foreign parts that may be used in cars made in America.

Although Mr. Hart once said he might support such a law as a last resort, an aide says he now firmly opposes it because "there is an enormous danger of triggering

retaliation."

In the long run it would hurt America," he said.

Meanwhile, the U.S. deficit in trade with the rest of the world soared to a record \$10.1 billion in February as imports continued to flood in and exports declined.

The record February trade deficit was blamed on a strong dollar. A rise in U.S. interest rates has slowed an expected decline in the value of the dollar, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said.

The previous record trade deficit occurred in January when the value of imports exceeded exports by \$9.47 billion.

News of the record deficit overshadowed a second government report showing a 0.7 per cent increase in the index of leading economic indicators.

Exports of \$17 billion last month were down \$1.1 billion, the Commerce Department said.

It said imports, which totalled \$27.3 billion, were not as strong as in January but still showed an upward trend.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 1984

YOUR DAILY Horoscope from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A considerable amount of confusion can exist where you can best perform duties and expand, so organize your time and efforts. As the day passes, a happier frame of mind exists.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A fine day to forget about any long trips which could get you into trouble. After lunch you should go out for pleasure.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) You are not certain about some responsibility in the morning, so study well, then you can get business matters working well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Some needling on the part of a partner should be discounted, and later you can sit down together and come to an agreement.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Some new idea could be confusing, so study it well, and then it can become advantageous to you.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Steer clear of pleasure in the morning, and later you can enjoy that entertainment you have in mind, since the planets are then favorable.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Meet with partners and make plans for the future. Don't make a comment that could spoil your chances for greater success later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get your duties handled well, and then take care of your correspondence wisely. Avoid one who is a trouble maker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Forget business today, and go out for sports or other recreation that can relieve tensions you are under.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your thinking may be confused in the morning, so listen to what kin have to suggest. Follow their advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Some strange situation can hold you back from being with good friends if you permit. Be social and happy in the evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Avoid that business affair that a friend suggests, and take care of your own interests. You can accomplish much today.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) A higher-up could be in a poor mood today, so avoid and get busy at your own duties. Be with a good friend until midnight and enjoy.

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Porsche intends to go public

STUTTGART (R) — Porsche, the prestige West German sports car maker, Thursday announced plans to go public, allowing investors to share in its booming profits for the first time in the firm's 53-year history.

Porsche's president, Mr. Ferry Porsche, told a news conference the firm will increase its capital by 20 million marks (\$7.8 million) to 70 million marks (\$27.2 million) and then sell off half on West German stock exchanges.

But the shares will not carry voting rights, thus leaving decision-making with members of the Porsche and Piech families, who control the privately-owned company and have until now jealously kept out investors.

In the business year ended last July 30 the firm's sales surged 40 per cent above the previous year to 2.1 billion marks (\$820 million) and it almost doubled net profit to 69.5 million marks (\$27 million). Some 21 million marks (\$8.2 million) worth of shares will be

sold on exchanges around the end of next month, while family members will retain a further 14 million (\$5.4 million) to dispose of as they like.

The decision to go public came after shareholder unity recently crumbled as two members of the Piech family tried to sell their shares to Arab-owned banks in a bid to cash in on the firm's soaring value.

Other family members exercised their right of first refusal and bought out Mr. Ernst Piech when he announced he was selling his 9.5 per cent stake to the banks last year.

But the other shareholders were unwilling to find more cash to buy another 9.5 per cent stake from Piech's sister Ms. Luise last month when she too wanted to sell. Frankfurt banking sources say, The firm decided instead to look into a public share offering.

But he said banks handling the issue had been instructed to limit

investors to a maximum of 100 shares, each, thus ensuring they would be distributed as widely as possible.

Finance Director Heinz Brantzi said business had continued to improve this year as well, with sales between August and February 33.5 per cent higher than in the same period a year earlier.

Porsche could not build any more cars than at present, he said, because its production capacity was being fully used.

In recent years there has been speculation that Kuwait was seeking to take a stake in the firm to complement the 14 per cent in holds in Daimler-Benz, the maker of luxury Mercedes cars, and a 10 per cent share it is believed to have taken in Volkswagen.

The major part of the share offering will be through Munich-based Bayerische Vereinsbank, Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest commercial bank, and a local Stuttgart bank.

AMF to lend Sudan \$20.7m

ABU DHABI (R) — Sudan is to get a \$20.7 million loan from the Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) under an agreement signed here Thursday, AMF officials said.

They said the loan would be used to offset the deficit in Sudan's balance of payments and support government development programmes.

Interest will range between 5.2 and seven per cent with repayment over seven years.

Thursday's loan brings the total amount of loans to Sudan from the AMF an Arab League organisation — to \$140 million.

Banks save La Scala

MILAN, Italy (R) — La Scala, the Italian opera house, has raised a 14 billion lire (\$9 million) loan from a U.S.-led banking consortium to stave off financial collapse, officials at the opera house said Thursday. The opera house was heading for a crisis after the Italian government failed to pay funds approved by parliament, and without the loan La Scala would be unable to pay its employees beyond the end of May, they said. La Scala's superintendent, Mr. Carlo Maria Badini, told reporters the opera house had still not received any of the 34 billion lire (\$21 million) committed by the government for the current year. The government had also failed to make good La Scala's accumulated losses between 1979 and 1982 totalling 23 billion lire (\$15 million), and interest payments on the debt were bleeding the opera house to death, he said.

Malaysia to cut spending

KUALA LUMPUR (R) — Malaysian officials have to tighten their belts in an austerity drive announced Thursday by a government unable to meet ambitious growth targets.

In a major shift of economic strategy, funds will be slashed for development, defence, education and health.

A review of Malaysia's fourth five-year plan pointed out serious structural flaws in the resource-based economy.

The 400-page review highlighted a policy shift aimed at coping with the aftermath of the world recession of the early 1980s.

The review said the recession had put original growth targets beyond reach.

Faced with a ballooning public

sector deficit, rising foreign debt and any yawning balance of payments gap, the government could no longer spend its way out of recession, the review said.

The review showed that the 43 billion ringgit (\$19.5 billion) plan, launched in 1981, had failed to foresee the massive fall in world oil and commodity prices. Malaysia is the world's leading producer of rubber, tin and palm oil.

Economic growth for 1981-1985 will average only 6.4 per cent instead of the targeted 7.6 per cent a year, the review said.

The government has warned several times that the outbacks would bite hard. It has told civil servants and public sector workers not to expect high pay rises.

THE BETTER HALF. By Harris

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16 Paved rec area

17 Friendly comforts

20 Percipible by touch

21 Actress Ella

22 "O! — I Sing"

23 Nincompoop

24 Reserves

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32 Church

33 Tip-top

34 WWII agency

35 Pocket "friends"

39 Chimp or orang

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41 Bitter tonic

42 Antitoxins

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45 Exaggerate

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Senate approves \$61.7m aid for El Salvador

WASHINGTON (R) — The Senate Thursday night tentatively approved \$61.7 million in emergency military aid for El Salvador, one-third less than President Reagan had requested.

The voice vote was held after majority Republican leaders reached a procedural agreement with opposition Democrats who faced likely defeat in efforts to reduce the aid level further.

Other Central America amendments to the aid bill, including one to further cut El Salvador assistance, are expected when the Senate resumes debate on Monday.

Earlier in the day, the Senate twice rejected a proposal by Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy to limit Mr. Reagan's power to send combat troops to Central America.

In Tegucigalpa, U.S. Special Envoy to Central America Harry Shlaudeman said he also opposed the Kennedy initiative.

Senator Edward Kennedy lost two motions in the Republican-controlled Senate — by 71-20 and 72-23 votes — to put strict controls on deploying U.S. troops in Central America.

"The question for every member of the Senate and every mem-

ber of the Congress is clear — the United States is heading towards war in Central America and what are we doing to stop it?" Sen. Kennedy asked.

He said the fact U.S. reconnaissance planes were providing military intelligence that could be used by Salvadorean Armed Forces fighting leftist rebels was evidence Mr. Reagan was taking America down "the slippery slope" towards war.

The U.S. ambassador to El Salvador, Thomas Pickering, confirmed the flights Thursday. Mr. Kennedy vowed to block final action on the arms aid bill until next week to allow extended debate on what he called "the most important foreign policy issue to come before Congress this year."

Mr. Reagan had sought quick action on the aid requests — \$92.5 million for the U.S.-backed Salvadorean government and \$21 million for anti-Sandinist rebels in Nicaragua.

But liberal Democrats and

Republicans have succeeded in delaying enactment for several weeks and forced Mr. Reagan to trim his emergency Salvadorean request to \$61.75 million.

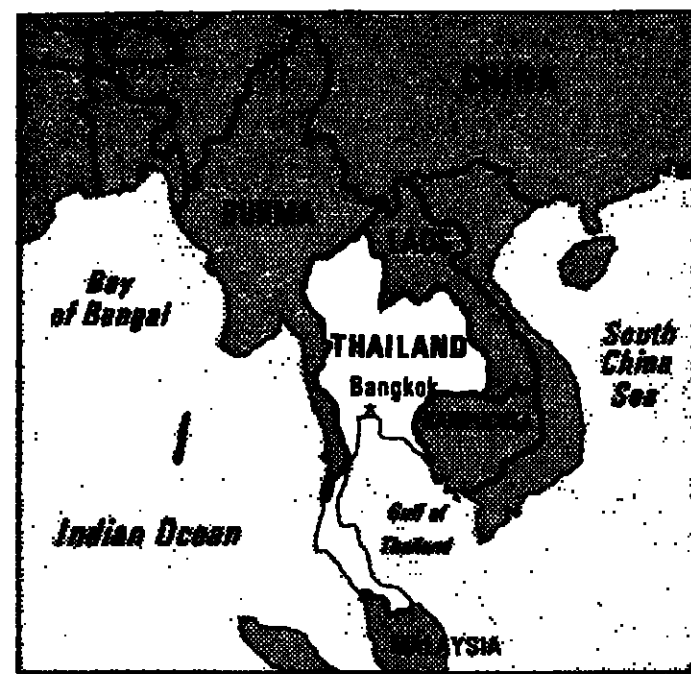
That amount is widely expected to win approval in the Senate. But its fate in the Democrat-dominated House of Representatives is uncertain.

Senator Jim Sasser, a Democrat and an ally of Mr. Kennedy on the issue, said in the debate that U.S. troops in El Salvador came under fire three times in the last five months but officials failed to report the attacks to Congress.

The information was contained in a written Pentagon reply to questions from Sen. Sasser.

He told the Senate: "We simply are not being told the whole story. We are not being told everything we need to know in order to make judgements."

Thursday's votes came on Sen. Kennedy amendments to prohibit deployment of U.S. combat forces in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras without a congressional declaration of war or determination by the president that troops are needed to evacuate U.S. citizens or respond to a military attack on the United States.



Thais search border for remnants of intruders

BANGKOK (R) — Thai troops Friday combed areas along the border with Kampuchea to flush out the last remnants of a battalion-sized Vietnamese force which crossed into Thailand last Sunday.

The army high command said the Thais captured 40 Vietnamese soldiers Thursday and retrieved the bodies of five others.

The bulk of the Vietnamese force, estimated at 300 to 500 strong, was pushed back into Kampuchea by Thai troops backed by artillery and air strikes, a spokesman said.

He said the Thais had been reinforced and were sweeping the area in search of any Vietnamese stragglers.

It was not known where the prisoners were being held but military sources said they were undergoing interrogation.

Thailand lodged a protest Thursday against what it said were unprovoked and blatant acts of aggression by Vietnam.

Foreign Ministry sources said Hanoi's ambassador in Bangkok, Tran Quang Co, had been summoned to appear at the ministry Friday to give an explanation of the incidents.

Meanwhile field officers said Thai and Vietnamese gunners Friday continued exchanges of sporadic artillery fire across the border.

They said there was also fighting on the Kampuchean side of the border between Vietnamese troops and Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

The firing was said to be centered in the vicinity of Hill 547, a Khmer Rouge stronghold of four hundred metres from the Chong Phra Pass in Sisaket province about 500 kilometres northeast of Bangkok.

Thai authorities said the battalion-sized Vietnamese force made its stab into Thailand through the pass in an attempt to outflank the Khmer Rouge.

The Vietnamese drive forced about 10,000 Kampuchean civilians, mostly women and children, to seek refuge in Thailand, the authorities said.

A Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman said the intrusion showed Vietnam was still determined to crush resistance to the Hanoi-backed Heng Samrin government in Kampuchea by military might.

Poll shows Hart gaining on Mondale in New York

NEW YORK (R) — Gary Hart is gaining ground fast on Walter Mondale in their duel to win Tuesday's New York state Democratic presidential primary election, according to a public opinion poll.

An ABC news survey showed former Vice-President Mondale ahead of Senator Hart by 40 per cent to 35 per cent, with 16 per cent for civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and nine per cent undecided.

But the poll had a margin of error of five per cent, meaning Sen. Hart and Mr. Mondale could be running neck and neck.

"The race has narrowed to a statistical dead heat in the last two days because of sharp movement to Hart," said ABC's director of polling, Jeffrey Alderman.

He added: "The race is very volatile and there is plenty of time until next Tuesday for things to change dramatically."

Part of the swing towards Sen. Hart came after his victory in the Connecticut Democratic primary

in which he trounced Mr. Mondale.

But the survey, based on interviews with 333 voters on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, was taken too early to reflect reaction to an angry televised debate on Wednesday night between Mr. Mondale and Sen. Hart in which Rev. Jackson found himself acting as an angry referee and a peacemaker.

Sen. Hart is continuing to put out a television advertisement that caused some of the trouble in the debate.

The camera zeroes in on a burning fuse while an announcer intones that both Mr. Mondale and Mr. Reagan want to keep U.S. troops in Central America.

"Remember Vietnam," the voice says. "Our sons are bargaining chips. Will we never learn?"

During Wednesday's argument, Mr. Mondale demanded that the advertisement should be withdrawn. "Why do you run these ads that suggest I am out trying to kill kids?" he asked.

Participation in marches banned by Sikh leader

NEW DELHI (R) — Sikh political leader Harchand Singh Longowal Friday banned his followers from taking part in peace marches sponsored by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party in India's troubled Punjab state.

With tension running high following Thursday night's killing of four Sikhs near the sect's holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, Mr. Longowal said in a statement that participation in the marches would be a fraud.

He said Mrs. Gandhi's Congress (I) Party was responsible for the violence in the northern state where most of India's 12 million Sikhs live. About 100 people have died in Sikh-Hindu violence during the past six weeks.

Peace marches are a regular feature of Indian political life often organised when communal violence breaks out to show unity between the country's main religious groups — Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims.

In Thursday night's killings a former senior official of the Sikh Temple Guards, known as *Nihangs*, and his three sons aged between 20 and 30, were shot dead in their home by seven other Sikhs, police said.

Police said the slayings were probably vendetta killings as two of the sons were acquitted last month on murder charges involving the deaths of two Hindus.

Gandhi's party gains 20 seats in Upper House

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's ruling Congress (I) Party won 20 new seats in the Indian parliament's Upper House Thursday, bringing it close to a vital two-thirds majority.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency said Mrs. Gandhi's party snatched at least 47 of the 72 seats at stake Thursday in the 244-member Upper House or *Rajya Sabha*.

The gains bring Mrs. Gandhi within 10 seats of a two-thirds majority needed for implementing constitutional changes.

However, political analysts said that with the support of regional parties and independents who regularly vote with Congress (I),

Mrs. Gandhi might now have effective two-thirds control.

Indian newspapers have speculated that a two-thirds majority could enable Mrs. Gandhi to change the country's political system and also free her hands to deal with violence in border states like Punjab, Assam and Jammu and Kashmir.

Upper House parliamentarians are elected by an electoral college of legislators in state assemblies for six years with one-third of the house retiring each two years.

Mrs. Gandhi's gains were expected because opposition members retiring were swept in by the general election defeat of Mrs. Gandhi in 1978.

Moscow denies contacts with U.S. over missiles

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union denied reports in the West that Moscow and Washington are maintaining unofficial contacts over the issue of nuclear missiles.

A commentary in the Communist Party daily, Pravda, also accused the United States of deliberately spreading the reports in attempt to soothe fears about the current tense state of East-West relations.

U.S. newspapers have cited State Department officials as saying the two powers were maintaining a discreet dialogue on nuclear disarmament through contacts at ambassadorial level and visits by senior officials to each other's capitals.

"But the latest invention by Washington's expert misinformers should not dupe anyone," Pravda said.

"There is not a grain of truth in these allegations about 'unofficial contacts' with the USSR on those matters which were earlier discussed in Geneva," it added.

Moscow walked out of Geneva talks on medium-range and strategic nuclear weapons last Nov-

ember after the West began deployment of new U.S. missiles in Western Europe.

The Pravda article said Washington was disseminating reports about unofficial contacts in order to dampen worries in Western Europe about the effect which deployment of the new weapons was having on East-West relations.

"The plan is to delude people in the hope of distracting them from the struggle against the deployment of U.S. Pershing-2 and cruise missiles in Europe," it added.

The commentary was also carried in full by the Official News Agency TASS, indicating it was official Kremlin thinking.

The Soviet Union has repeatedly said it would not return to discussions on reducing missile strengths until the West at least calls a halt to deployment of the cruise and Pershing missiles.

Western diplomats said Thursday that the Pravda article appeared aimed at crushing any impression in the West that Moscow was ready to soften its demand

Jakarta does not rule out incursions

JAKARTA (R) — Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumatmadja said a reported violation of Papua-New Guinea's air space by Indonesian fighter planes was possible and future air manoeuvres may be held away from the border.

Government officials in Port Moresby said earlier Thursday that Papua-New Guinea handed a strongly worded protest note to Indonesian Ambassador Imam Soeparto after what it called a blatant breach of sovereignty on Tuesday.

The Port Moresby government

said two fighters "buzzed" a border patrol post in Papua-New Guinea and then fired what appeared to be a rocket.

Mr. Mochtar told reporters he would welcome his Papua-New Guinea counterpart Rabbie Namaliu for talks on recent border incidents in order to maintain Indonesia's present good relations with its neighbour.

The foreign minister said he had only had scant details of the air incident and was still awaiting military reports on Papua-New Guinea's allegations.

"I read in a newspaper there

were exercises. I'm not a technical person but it is possible that in the course of these exercises some part of the border crossed ... but I cannot say for sure until I've had reports," Mr. Mochtar said.

"It might perhaps be feasible to have such exercises a little bit away from the border or in another place," he added.

Mr. Mochtar said he was aware of concern expressed in Papua-New Guinea's cabinet over recent border crossings and that Prime Minister Michael Somare considered the matter highly important.

Bangladeshi police kill 3 during demonstrations

DHAKA (R) — Three people were killed and many injured when police opened fire and used tear gas to break up a demonstration by rickshaw pullers.

Nearly 20,000 pullers stayed off the streets in a protest strike following Thursday's incident.

Doctors said bullets had killed all three men.

But police said they fired in self-defence when the pullers attacked them with stones and sticks as police tried to stop an illegal demonstration.

The pullers had been protesting against the alleged manhandling

of one of their colleagues by a passenger on Wednesday.

On Thursday Bangladesh military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad rejected demands by opposition parties that he should hand over power to a caretaker government before parliamentary elections due to be held later this year.

"There is no question of a caretaker government. The country is under martial law and the martial law government will continue," General Ershad told a meeting of the Overseas Correspondents Association of Bangladesh.

Second hijacked plane returns to United States

MIAMI (R) — A Delta Air Lines Boeing 727 with 19 passengers and seven crew arrived back in the United States Thursday after a lone hijacker diverted the plane to Cuba, an airline official said.

The hijacker was arrested in Havana.

The airliner was seized late Wednesday night on a flight from New Orleans to Dallas. It was the second American plane in 36 hours to be forced to fly to Cuba.

Cuban officials would not comment on the identity of the hijacker. But a Federal Aviation

Administration (FAA) official in Washington said the plane was seized by a man with a Spanish accent who demanded to go to Havana.

The man used a bottle containing what he said was flammable liquid and threatened to ignite it with a cigarette lighter, the FAA spokesman said.

A Piedmont Air Lines 737 was diverted to Havana on Tuesday while on a flight from Newark, New Jersey, to Miami. The hijacker was arrested in Cuba.

Chernenko, Mengistu pledge close co-operation

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union and Ethiopia pledged continued close co-operation following talks between Soviet Communist Party Leader Konstantin Chernenko and Ethiopian Leader Mengistu Haile Mariam Thursday night.

Mr. Mengistu, who arrived Thursday for a three-day visit, went straight into talks with Mr. Chernenko. The official Soviet News Agency TASS said he expressed deep gratitude for Soviet economic and military assistance.

Ethiopia, fighting protracted wars against secessionist rebels in two provinces, is seen by Western diplomats as highly dependent on Moscow's support and the Kremlin in turn appears keen to prop up its influence in Africa.

There have been hotly-denied rumours of a rift between the two allies, but TASS Thursday night said the talks took place in an atmosphere of "warmth, friendship and mutual understanding," a phrasing that does not normally indicate any difficulties.

In dinner speeches both men repeated standard criticism of South African and U.S. policies on the African continent and elsewhere.

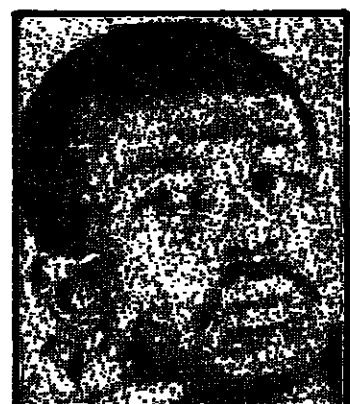
This was Mr. Mengistu's second trip to Moscow in 17 months.

"Moscow now sees Ethiopia as its most loyal friend in Africa and the leadership is probably keen to iron out problems in relations between Moscow and Addis Ababa and ensure Mr. Mengistu stays loyal," one diplomat said.

Other Western analysts said the Kremlin would offer increased aid or an easing of debt repayment terms to try to persuade Mr. Mengistu to tighten links with the Soviet Union and prevent him from turning to the West for help.

The Soviet Union has suffered serious setbacks in relations with its other two major friends on the African continent, Angola and Mozambique.

Both countries have ignored Soviet objections to any dialogue with South Africa and Mozambique.



Mengistu Haile Mariam

ambiguously new non-aggression pact with its powerful white-ruled neighbour was regarded as a major embarrassment for the Kremlin.

Diplomats said the Soviet leadership had probably reconciled itself to losing much of its sway in Maputo and Luanda and would be doubly eager to ensure it did not suffer the same problem in Ethiopia.

Hawaiian town declares state of emergency

HILO, Hawaii (R) — A state of emergency was declared Thursday night in the Hawaiian town of Hilo as the flow of burning lava from the erupting Mauna Loa volcano moved to within eight kilometres of its outskirts.

Mayor Herbert Matayoshi said there was no immediate danger to the 45,000 residents of Hilo, the

biggest town on the island of Hawaii, but he wanted to have the necessary paper work ready in case there was an emergency.

The people have been told they will be given 24 hours evacuation notice, but some people living on the outskirts of the town have already left their homes.

Robert Decker, of the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, said

he should be able to tell within the next two days whether the flow of lava, sometimes roaring as high as nine metres, would speed up its journey towards the town.

The flow is at present moving at about 800 metres a day.

The 4,483-metre volcano erupted on Sunday, spilling out four separate rivers of lava.

NATO experts expect no arms talks in 1984

BRUSSELS (R) — Senior NATO officials, in a sharp shift from earlier forecasts, have concluded it is highly unlikely that there will be any superpower nuclear arms control talks this year.

The officials, who asked not to be identified, also said it was unrealistic to expect the Soviet Union to return, even in a more distant future, to talks on the specific issue of medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Their view, broadly shared at a NATO consultative meeting here this week on medium-range nuclear missiles, chaired by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Burt, was based on recent public and private pronouncements by Soviet officials.

"You will notice that we've stopped saying we expect the Russians to be back at the negotiating table soon," one senior NATO official told Reuters, adding: "The more we say that sort of thing, the longer the Russians are likely to delay a return."

Initially, NATO leaders, including President Reagan, had

predicted Moscow would soon return to nuclear arms control talks in Geneva, which Moscow suspended late last year following the arrival of new U.S. medium-range missiles in Britain and West Germany.

But senior NATO officials now cited three reasons for expecting a prolonged halt to negotiations: — Having failed to prevent the first deployments, Moscow still hoped West European public opposition would curtail NATO's plan for basing further cruise and Pershing-2 missiles, particularly in the Netherlands.

— The U.S. was not prepared in an election year to make the kind of concessions which would make talks worthwhile in Soviet eyes.

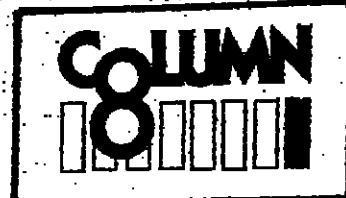
— The Kremlin was determined to do nothing which could help President Reagan gain re-election in November, regarding him as the most anti-Soviet leader in U.S. history.

Officials said even those West European leaders, notably in West Germany, who felt a need to maintain public optimism about an early Soviet return to the talks acknowledged privately that this was not a realistic prospect.

Officials added that Moscow appeared to have decided it stood to gain more this year by wooing West European governments on non-nuclear issues than by addressing the problems of nuclear arms control — the backbone of the U.S.-Soviet relationship.

NATO aides noted that hardliners in the Reagan administration had also apparently blocked proposals that the U.S. should offer some arms control concessions this year.

Among the ideas rejected were talks with Moscow on space weapons, ratification of a 1974 treaty limiting nuclear tests and a more accommodating stance in the NATO-Warsaw Pact talks on reducing conventional forces in Central Europe.



Lost Haydn mass fetches \$220,000

LONDON — The manuscript of a mass by Joseph Haydn, lost for generations and unperformed, has fetched £151,200 (\$220,000) at an auction in London. The 16-page score, in Haydn's writing, turned up in Northern Ireland in a family music album which had been tucked away in a farmer's storeroom with other papers for 50 years. Nothing was known of the manuscript until 1829 when an English music publisher bought it from Haydn's publisher. He sold it in turn to the great-grandfather of the farmer, an Irish clergyman who later became a baron. The buyer at Christie's auction house was a private collector who wished to remain anonymous.

Bees dive-bomb Gandhi's garden

NEW DELHI (R) — Bees buzzed a reception in Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's garden Thursday, sending guests fleeing. The bees struck several minutes before Mrs. Gandhi was due to join about 300 guests in her garden which boasts one of the best floral displays in the Indian capital. Mrs. Gandhi, whom some Indians affectionately describe as the country's "queen bee", directed operations against the invaders from inside her house. However the leader of India's 700 million people — backed by her ministers for atomic energy, space and fertilisers, who were at the reception — was no match for the bees. When paper and rags were burned to drive away the bees the tactic made them angrier and reinforcements arrived, said the Press Trust of India reporter at the reception. After a 45-minute battle, including the stinging of several people, the territory was conceded to the bees and the reception was rescheduled for Friday.

Reagan invited to address Irish Parliament

DUBLIN (R) — President Reagan will be invited to address a joint session of Ireland's parliament when he visits here in June, a parliamentary committee decided Wednesday night. Only one other foreign head of state has been honoured with a similar invitation. In 1963 President John Kennedy spoke to a joint session of the Irish Parliament six months before his assassination. Mr. Reagan will arrive in Ireland on June 1 and is expected to speak to the Dail (lower house) and Senate at the end of his three-day visit.

Actor Derek Francis dies at 60

LONDON — Actor Derek Francis, 60, was last week seen on British television playing a character collapsing with a heart attack. Associates disclosed Thursday he died earlier this week of a heart attack.

Officials halt sales of Girl Scout cookies

CHICAGO (R) — Officials have halted the sale of "girl scout" cookies in this Midwest U.S. city's southern suburbs after a sewing needle and pieces of glass were found in two boxes of them. Thursday's action was the latest in a string of cookie tamperings in at least nine states that have brought a federal investigation and the suspension of sales in several areas. Officials of America's Girl Scout Movement say lost sales from the apparent sabotage are costing the organisation millions of dollars normally used to support summer camping activities.

Court jails corrupt traffic policeman

MOSCOW (R) — A traffic policeman in the Soviet Republic of Georgia has been jailed for 15 years after being convicted of taking bribes totalling 158,000 rubles (over \$200,000). Yuri Turkadze, a lieutenant in the Georgian State Traffic Police, had abused his position to such an extent that bribes included a car and a private stockpile of hard-to-get spare parts, the official newspaper Zarya Vostoka reported. Last June Interior Minister Vasily Fedorchuk admitted publicly that some members of the traffic police, known throughout the Soviet Union by their Russian initials GAI, took bribes and launched a campaign to clean up the force.

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